

## RED ARMY CONTINUES VIBORG ADVANCE

### C.I.O. AND A.F.L. JOIN FORCES TO FIGHT AGAINST POLL TAX

Labor Camps Pledge Support for Bill to Outlaw Practice

By Adam Lapin  
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The CIO and the A. F. of L. have joined together with a number of important progressive groups in a campaign to wipe out the poll tax system in the South.

Both labor organizations have pledged their support to a bill introduced by Rep. Lee Guyer of California which would outlaw the poll tax in the eight Southern states where it is still in effect.

As the strongest drive to date for banning the poll tax got under way, supporters of the Guyer measure hoped to be able to force the House to act on the bill at this session.

They won their first victory with an announcement that the House Judiciary Committee have appointed a subcommittee headed by Rep. Francis Walter of Pennsylvania to hold hearings on the bill.

The anti-poll tax drive will, however, face powerful opposition from reactionary Southern Democrats who are counting on receiving at least tacit support from many Administration leaders as well as from Republicans.

Rep. Walter indicated a few days ago that he would begin hearings on the Guyer bill on March 4, but under pressure from Rep. Hutton Summers of Texas, chairman of the full Judiciary Committee, he has changed his mind and declined to name a definite date.

#### EXPECT BLOCKING TACTICS

Sumners is an important figure in the Tory Southern group in Congress whose power depends on the anti-Democratic poll tax and which is expected to resist the Guyer proposal with the same ruthless tactics which have so far blocked passage on the anti-lynching bill.

The movement to repeal the poll tax gained impetus from the demands of John L. Lewis in his speech to the American Youth Congress that the Supreme Court and the Department of Justice do something to give the millions of disenfranchised Negroes and poor whites in the South the right to vote.

Representatives of the CIO and the A. F. of L. gave formal support to the new bill at a strategy conference in Rep. Guyer's office on Saturday.

Lee Pressman, CIO general counsel, represented Lewis at the meeting and Paul Scharenberg, legislative representative of the A. F. of L., acted as spokesman for William Green, AFL president.

Several prominent Negro leaders were present at the meeting including Dean Willie Hastie of the Howard University Law School and James M. Nabrit, Jr., secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and

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### Big Insurance Firm Makes Millions Out of Poor Sharecroppers

SEC Probe Learns That Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Squeezes \$5,000,000 Annually Out of Lands Rented to Poverty-Stricken Farmers

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A sordid picture of one of the nation's richest and most powerful financial institutions, Metropolitan Life, taking in millions of dollars of profits annually in the form of 30 to 40 per cent of the crops raised by thousands of tenant farmers on land which it owns was unfolded unblushingly today by Glenn D. Rogers, an official of the insurance company.

Rogers admitted that in 1939 rentals taken from the company's sharecroppers amounted to \$5,000,000 and for the three years before that has never fallen below \$4,000,000 annually.

He also confessed that the company can make more profit by operating farms on a share-crop basis than by selling the land.

Tenants on Metropolitan Life land have a one-year lease.

In the south the sharecroppers pay the huge company one-fourth of their cotton crop. In other regions, Rogers admitted, the share of the company amounts to between 30 and 40 per cent.

Metropolitan Life, now testifying before the Federal Monopoly Committee, has been revealed as one of the nation's largest landowners through a policy of acquiring farms by foreclosing on mortgages. Its total holdings are valued on its books at \$83,290,000.

**Judge Knox to Sentence Wiener Here Today**  
William Wiener, financial secretary of the Communist Party, comes up for sentence in the United States District Court on Foley Square this morning before Judge John C. Knox.

Wiener was convicted on a flimsy, technical passport charge recently, after Atlantic City officials, presented county records, disproving the government's assertion that Wiener was foreign born.

The Party leader is free under \$10,000 bonds, supplied by the Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists, 799 Broadway, from its bail loan fund. Earl Browder, general secretary of the Party, previously convicted on another technical passport charge, and sentenced to four years in prison, is free under \$7,500 bail.

The defense committee has raised about \$80,000 in loans. Twenty thousand dollars more must be raised to complete its \$100,000 bail loan drive.

### No Troops For Helsinki Says King Of Sweden

Move Would Lead to Involvement in War, He Tells People

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 19 (UP).—King Gustaf informed the people of Sweden by royal proclamation today that Sweden could not intervene militarily on behalf of (White-Guard) Finland.

The King overruled the wishes of his Cabinet and Crown Council in going direct to the people because, he said, he felt the statement last week of Premier Per Albin Hansson did not make sufficiently clear that the King and the entire Cabinet were agreed on the issue and an open division of public opinion had resulted.

"I told the Finnish government (i.e., the Ryti-Mannerheim regime—Ed.) from the first day that it was impossible for Sweden to participate in military intervention on behalf of Finland," the King said.

"I am sure that today we must maintain this policy. We have always given the maximum of voluntary aid for Finland. But I feel sure that active military intervention for Finland would mean not only war against Russia but immediate involvement in the great war with other powers."

#### EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

To make his statement the King convened the Crown Council in extraordinary session. All members of the government and the Crown Prince attended the meeting, which lasted two and a half hours.

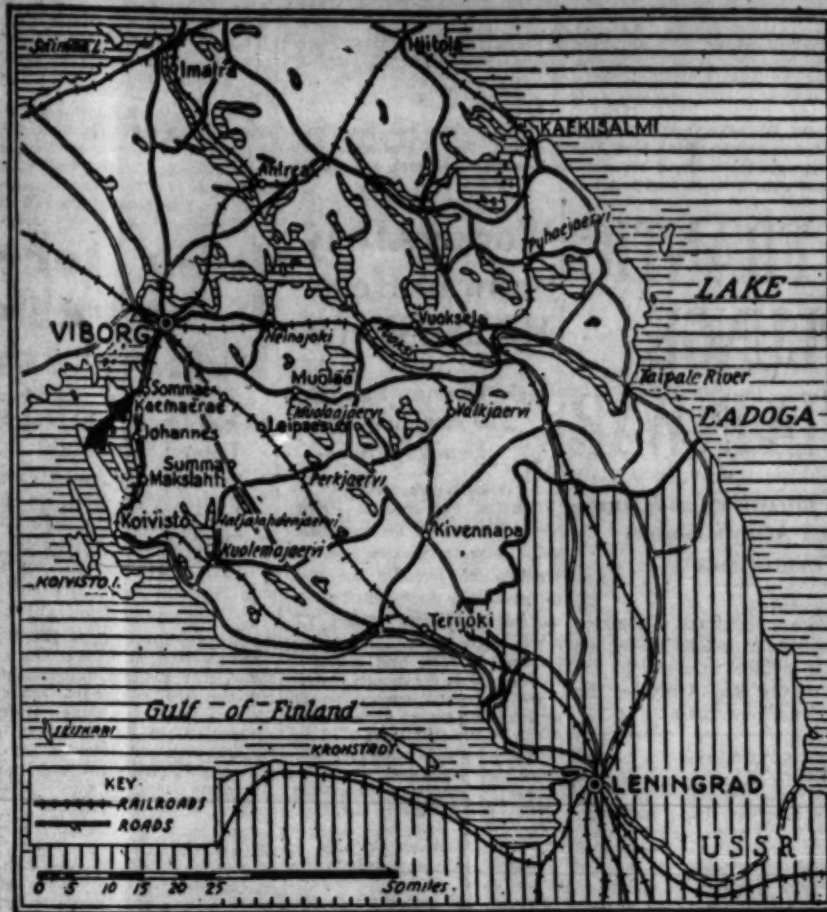
The King's proclamation read: "It is on my own initiative that I today extraordinarily surmount my Cabinet in order to make the following proclamation for the Cabinet register. It is my desire before the Swedish people to explain the difficult and responsible position in which we now find ourselves."

"I have considered it my imperative duty to succeed in keeping our country out of this fatal conflict which at present menaces the whole world. This also is the reason why our decision on strict neutrality has been taken with the fullest support of the Cabinet and Parliament."

"For the entire time I have been following with great admiration our brother country Finland in a heroic fight against superior forces. Sweden has from the beginning through volunteers and through great help in other ways tried to help Finland."

"But from the first day I stated clearly to Finland that their country could not expect military intervention by Sweden. With sorrow in my heart I am, after the closest consideration, of the opinion that we in the present situation must hold fast to this decision. Because it is my absolute opinion that if

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THE KARELIAN ISTHMUS BATTLEFRONT—The Red Army's victorious offensive against White-Guard Finland's Mannerheim Line—a feat unparalleled in modern military history—is shown on this map. The Red Army forces, in sector shown by arrow, have advanced to Somme, Johannes and Muolaa on the seaboard railway, cutting off the Koivisto fortress, and have also taken Salmenkaija, between Lakes Vuoksi and Jauranpaan, and the fortified area and village of Muolaa.

### Norway Holds Britain Guilty In Coast Raid

Parliament Convenes in Threat to Neutrality Of Scandinavia

OSLO, Norway, Feb. 19 (UP).—Defying British fire, Norway tonight asserted the German steamer Almark would have been given passage of Norwegian waters even if Norwegian officials had known 326 British prisoners were held below decks.

Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht told the Norwegian Parliament that "this is in conformity with international conventions."

Parliament was convened to approve the course Norway shall take in an effort to prevent the incident drawing this country, and perhaps all Scandinavia, into the European war.

(To involve the Scandinavian countries in war has been one of the main objects of British di-

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### North Carolina Mob Threatens New Lynching

Hoodlums Force Negro Townsmen Off Streets Over Police Slaying

DUNN, N. C., Feb. 19.—Negroes remained in their homes today as a result of a reign of terror instituted against them growing out of the death of a policeman in a lawless raid on a Negro cafe.

Officer Martin Underwood was allegedly struck by a thrown brick when he raided the cafe last Sunday. He died. Seventy-five Negroes were illegally rounded up and arrested, and three were held on murder charges. Extra policemen patrolled the Negro section in an effort to intimidate the Negro people.

Mayor Herbert B. Taylor admitted that a "mob of hoodlums" from Roseboro, Underwood's home town, had threatened to "get" the Negro who allegedly killed the officer.

Negroes have been subjected to molestation for a week here. Bud Grady, Dave Lilly and Buster Hargrave, charged with the slaying, were taken to the Lillington jail, 17 miles away.

This comes on the heels of another reign of lynch terror against the Negro people in Snow Hill, Md., on the Maryland Eastern Shore, last week.

### All Telephone Lines From Finland Cut

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 19 (UP).—The telephone center reported today that all communications with Finland, both direct and via Stockholm, had been broken off, either as a precaution during heavy bombings or as result of the severe bombing of Aabo this morning.

### State Drops Five Of 23 Charges Against Lepke

Five of the counts in the 23-point indictment charging extortion and attempted extortion against Louis (Lepke) Buchalter and his co-defendants in the flour trucking racket were dismissed yesterday in General Sessions Court.

The motion for dismissal was made by the State, which conceded the five counts had not been proved. They included four allegations of extortion totaling \$5,000 and one of attempted extortion of \$3,500.

The original charges against Lepke and Max and Harold Silverman charged extortions of \$69,230.

### British Lose 6th Destroyer In Sea War

157 Men Die; Five Saved As U-Boat Torpedoes HMS Daring

LONDON, Feb. 19 (UP).—The British destroyer Daring has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine with a loss of 157 officers and men, the admiralty announced today.

Only one officer and four men were saved. The Daring was the sixth destroyer lost by Britain since the war began—five or which went down by enemy action and one by collision—and the 26th British naval ship sunk.

The Daring was the first British destroyer known to have been torpedoed. The Exmouth, Blanche, Gypsy and Grenville were mined and the Duchess sank after a collision. The Daring, completed in 1932, carried four 4.7-inch guns, smaller guns and eight 21-inch torpedo tubes. She was of 1,375 tons and was rated at 35 knots speed.

(In Berlin the German high command said that U-boats had attacked successfully four enemy convoys, sunk one destroyer and an undisclosed number of freighters and tankers.)

### 55 in U. S. Had Income of \$170,000,000 in 1938

Treasury Reports 115 Others Had Incomes From Half to a Million Annually, While 207 Admitted \$300,000 to \$500,000 for Year

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (UP).—Preliminary Treasury figures revealed today that 55 persons had incomes of \$1,000,000 or more in 1938, six more than in 1937.

That doesn't mean that there were only \$5 millionaires. Lots of them apparently had incomes of less than \$1,000,000. For example, 115 reported incomes of between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 and 207 had incomes between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

The Treasury's statistics are based on individual income tax and fiduciary income tax returns for 1938 filed in the period January through June, 1939. There is no direct comparison available for the corresponding period in the previous year, but because of the accelerated movement of the 1938 returns, the proportion of returns received by June 30, 1939, was approximately the same as that re-

ceived up to Aug. 31, 1938. A total of 6,155,856 returns were filed up to June 30 last year compared with 5,231,431 in the comparative period of 1938. These returns showed aggregate net income of \$18,315,194,000 compared with \$21,088,766, in the previous year.

It was found that 3,061,065 persons reporting incomes under \$5,000 filed non-taxable returns. In the previous year, returns in that category numbered 2,920,678. There were 2,415,460 taxable returns filed by persons in the \$5,000 and under group. They reported total net income of \$5,916,138,000 against \$6,042,026,000 in the non-taxable group and paid taxes totaling \$89,125,000.

The 55 in the \$1,000,000 and up class reported total net income of \$107,724,000 in the previous year, the 49 in the top group reported total income of \$85,416,000.

### White Guard Falls Back At Soviet Offensive

Enemy Troop Centers And Military Points Under Bombardment

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 19.—Striking with unrelenting power and effectiveness, the Red Army today continued to pound the Mannerheim Line with hammer blows on several sectors.

On the seaboard sector the Red Army forces were within a few miles of Viipuri (Viborg), having taken the towns of Johannes and Maksalahti, both on the coastal railway spur of the main line linking Viipuri to Leningrad.

The Finnish White-Guard island fortress of Koivisto was cut off from the rest of the Finnish White-Guard units on the Karelian Isthmus, where the Red Army's offensive has penetrated many miles within the past week and a half.

#### MORE FORTS FALL

On sectors closer to Lake Ladoga, across the 70-mile wide isthmus, the Red Army was threading its way through the difficult defiles of the Vuoksi waterways system. Here the village of Salmenkaija, between Lakes Vuoksi and Jauranpaan, was taken, together with the heavily fortified zone centering around the lakeshore town of Muolaa, on the lake of the same name.

The Red Army's communique early this morning told of the capture of 313 defensive fortifications, including 41 ferro-concrete artillery forts, during two days—Saturday and Sunday.

This brought the total number of fortifications captured from the start of the offensive on Feb. 11 until Sunday night, to 475. Of these 92 were of the reinforced concrete artillery type.

The other sectors of the front, which have been marked only by occasional scouting activity, subsided into the "all quiet" phase in the last day or so. Here the Red Army has established its base of future operations.

### Turkish Gov't Hints at War This Spring

Adopts Dictatorial Powers to Pave Way for Allies

ANKARA, Feb. 19 (UP).—The government tonight decided to apply the National Defense Law, which will give it virtual dictatorial powers, and newspapers warned the people that, as allies of Britain and France, they must prepare for a "supreme effort" this spring.

It was understood the National Assembly (Parliament) would be convoked tomorrow or Wednesday to confirm the government's "full powers" and that measures would be instituted immediately to get the nation's economic, financial and military structure in shape to cope with a possible extension of the European war to the Near East.

The assertion of Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoglu on the eve of the recent Balkan Entente conference that Turkey is "not neutral" was re-affirmed.



RED ARMY MAN—This fighter for socialism is typical of the army which is now rolling back Finnish White Guards in the Red Army's smashing offensive on the Karelian Isthmus.

### AN EQUIPMENT NO OTHER ARMY CAN POSSESS

The newspapers are simply too over-awed by the remarkable military feats of the Red Army to give their readers much of the news. The cracking of the Mannerheim Line will go down as one of the greatest acts of heroism and military skill.

It is in fact the first time that a reinforced concrete fortress built on the latest military plans has ever been cracked. The Maginot Line and the Siegfried Line are not any stronger than the Mannerheim was. Built over 20 years of constant war preparation, the Mannerheim Line is 7 miles deep, a veritable labyrinth of sunken forts, cannon, machine gun nests, and steel traps.

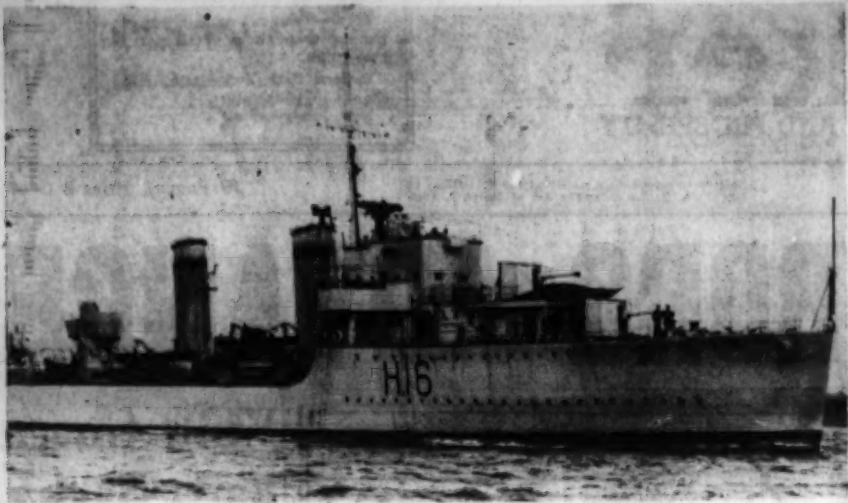
But this monster could not stop the Red Army. For the Red Army is not only unsurpassed in its technical equipment. It is infused with the liberating spirit of Bolshevism, with class conscious solidarity with the workers of the world. This is an equipment no capitalist army can ever possess.

The eye-witness account in the Sunday Worker gives a remarkable picture of the skill with which the Mannerheim fortresses were taken. It also conveys a thrilling picture of the Soviet soldier—his selfless heroism, his burning enthusiasm for the cause of national freedom and Socialism. The Soviet soldier knows the class against which he fights—the Czarist Mannerheim, the oppressors of the Finnish people, the Counts and Dukes, the monarchist trash and the slave-drivers of Big Capital.

No fortress can stand for long against this kind of army, imbued with the spirit of internationalism.

World capitalism is losing the Mannerheim Line. By this token, the freedom of Finland and the cause of mankind leaps forward toward victory.





SUNK BY NAZIS WITH LOSS OF 157 LIVES: H.M.S. Daring, which recently was sunk by a U-boat torpedo. Only one officer and four seamen have been accounted for. The 36-knot ship, sixth destroyer of the British Navy to be lost since the start of the war, was completed in 1932, and carried four 4.7-inch guns, six smaller guns, and eight 21-in. torpedo tubes.

## BRITAIN IN FRANTIC DRIVE TO PLUNGE SCANDANAVIA IN WAR

Pressure Against Sweden Is Intensified as Mannerheim Totters Under Red Army's Blows; People Reject Provocations

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
STOCKHOLM, Feb. 19.—British and French diplomacy, dreaming of involving the Scandinavian countries in the war on the Allied side, has taken a blow straight to the chin in the successful offensive of the Red Army on the Karelian Isthmus, it became obvious here today.

The perilous position of General Mannerheim has caused Britain and France to meddle openly in Swedish government policy in a desperate effort to swing Sweden away from her neutrality and into the war.

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### THE REAL PURPOSE

The slogan of Anglo-French diplomacy is "assistance" to the Finnish White-Guards, the target aimed for is a double one—to extend the war front against Germany to the North and to preserve the Finnish outpost for the planned assault against Leningrad.

As was to be expected, the Swedish reactionaries and their hangers-on among the Social-Democrats many of whom have been in the pay of the British Intelligence Service for some time have stepped forth as the most cynical and zealous "champions" of their master's instructions. They scout the interests of Sweden's independence and demand that the government bend to the will of the Allies.

Richard J. Sandler, former Foreign Minister and a notorious British agent who today heads the "activist" group, has brought together a small group of swashbuckling politicians who are waging a furious campaign to undermine and destroy Sweden's neutrality and get her into the war.

Two of Sandler's accomplices, a certain Col. Bratt and a "Professor" Anlund, have hurriedly published a pamphlet demanding the sending of Swedish troops to White-Guard Finland.

### PEOPLE REJECT IT

But these inveterate enemies of the Swedish people have not obtained the desired results from their furious dither and din. The Swedish Government turned down Mannerheim's demand that a Swedish army be sent at once to Finland.

The clique of provocateurs then went into action. The gutter sheets are screaming hysterically that the government's decision, allegedly taken without consultation of military circles or the foreign affairs committee of the Riksdag, is tantamount to "dictatorship" in the government.

This has been coupled by a well-oiled campaign, started on instructions from London, for replacement of the Cabinet of Premier Per Albin Hansson by a "strong" government.

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Observers declare that the intensity of pressure on the Swedish Government is beyond anything seen in the past. These provocateurs are blackmailing the government with a threat that if it does not "voluntarily" agree to comply with London's "recommendations," the Allies, in view of their own interests, would compel Sweden to renounce her neutrality policy.

### WHITE-GUARD BLUSTER

During the last few days, the "threat" has been made that if Sweden does not satisfy the demands of White-Guard Finland, the Helsinki "government" will agree to a "peace" with the Soviet Union which would "threaten the interests of Sweden."

A majority of Sweden, as well as all level-headed statesmen understand where the enemies of peace are trying to steer Sweden. Answering the provocative appeals of Sandler, Bratt, Anlund and company, the newspaper Karistads Tidningen has just emphasized that it would be "criminal blindness" for the government to take the steps recommended by these individuals. "Colonel Bratt should know, as we do, that 99 per cent of all conscripted Swedes hate and execrate the war 'activists,'" the paper declared. "This is their view—we shall defend Sweden at her frontiers if we are attacked, but we will not allow the war 'activists' to drive us into war on behalf of the interests of another state."

### Toronto Coal Drivers Call Delivery Strike

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—A general delivery strike was called last night by the Coal Drivers, Helpers and Truckers Union, to obtain a closed shop agreement.

## Workers Defy Snow to Hear Mother Bloor

Pack Easton, Pa., Hall For Enthusiastic Lenin Rally

(Special to the Daily Worker)

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 19.—Plowing their way through immense snowdrifts, farmers, workers and progressives here crowded the Hungarian Singing Society Hall Saturday night to hear Mother Ella Reeve Bloor at a Lenin-Lincoln Memorial meeting held under the auspices of the Communist Party.

The enthusiastic meeting was regarded as an answer to the intimidation of the Bethlehem Steel Co. during the recent municipal elections, when every voter who signed the election petition of Frank Ernst, Communist candidate for Bethlehem City Council, had their names and addresses published in the steel company's "Bethlehem Globe Times."

Mother Bloor called for the establishment of a progressive movement for peace so strong that the steel and cement barons of this region could not smash it. John Elliot, Communist organizer for Lehigh, Northampton and Bucks counties, acted as chairman. Esther Widrow, delegate to the recent American Youth Congress Citizenship Institute in Washington, spoke on "Youth and Peace."

## U.S.S.R. Launches New Crack Ship 'Joseph Stalin'

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 19.—A crack new freight and passenger steamer, the "Joseph Stalin," has just been added to the Soviet merchant marine fleet.

The new ship, which is 427 feet overall and displaces 8,600 tons, is powered by a 12,600 horsepower electric drive turbine engine. Making a "top-speed" trip, the steamer can make the Leningrad-London voyage and return without refueling. At lower speeds more economical in fuel, the ship can make the Odessa-Vladivostok trip without refueling.

It has 508 passenger berths in comfortably furnished berths. The crew of 116 are bunked in comfortable single and two-berth cabins.

A second steamer of this class, to be named the Vyacheslav Molotov, will be launched soon.

### Magistrate Fines 37 At Manhattan Beach For Icy Sidewalks

Thirty-seven residents of Manhattan Beach were fined \$1 each yesterday by Magistrate John D. Mason, in Coney Island court, for failure to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their homes.

# Japanese Nanning Drive Ends in Disaster For Invaders; Lose 20,000 Men in Push

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, Feb. 19.—The widely-heralded Japanese offensive on the Nanning sector of the South China province of Kwangsi has ended in smoke for the invaders. Japanese losses during the drive reached 20,000 killed. The story of this operation, having been completed, can now be told in full.

The offensive opened in the second half of January, when two Japanese columns advanced between 30 and 40 miles north and northeast of Nanning. The towns of Wuming and Pinyang were taken.

The battle of Kunlunwan Pass, however, was the start of the undoing of the Japanese drive. The central Japanese column was halted here by a firm Chinese stand, despite possible threat of entrapment

by flank attacks from Wuming and Pinyang.

As the Japanese concentrated on the Kunlunwan Pass battle, the Chinese moved their units in preparation for throwing a ring of steel around the Japanese main force at Pinyang. This operation was successfully performed, a flying column of Chinese troops blocking the approach of Japanese reinforcements and munition supplies by attacks deep behind the Japanese lines south of Pinyang.

The Japanese, suffering heavy losses, hurriedly started a retreat. Then the Chinese punched in the Japanese left flank at Wuming, compelling these forces to retreat southward to Nanning as well. The main Japanese forces have now been concentrated at Nanning, upon which Chinese troops are now closing a circle.

Other military developments reported at Chungking today were:

1. In South China, on Feb. 16, Chinese forces cleared all Japanese and puppet "government" troops from Tungshan Island off southern Fukien province. The retreating Japanese withdrew on a steamer, while the puppet "government" troops lost more than 700 killed.

2. In the western Suiyuan district of North China, Chinese troops captured the town of Lingho and continued to advance eastwards. They have now reached the outskirts of Wuian. Simultaneously Chinese forces are engaged in an effort to intercept the route of Japanese communications along the Wuyuan-Paochow line and the roads along the northern and southern shores of the upper reaches of the Yellow River (Hwang Ho).



JAPAN'S FOOT SLIPPED—The Japanese launched a big offensive from Nanning in the second part of January. When the offensive ended this week-end, the Japanese had lost 20,000 men, had retreated back into Nanning from the Wuming (Wuchow) and Pinyang sectors, their farthest advances, and were threatened with encirclement by Chinese forces. Chinese troops are now closing in on Nanning.

## Irish Here Ask Unity In Struggle Against British Imperialism

Hogan Cheered at IRA Meeting as Spokesman for Labor; Says Fight Is Same as That to Keep America Out of War

(By Art Shields)

Irish-American leaders are appealing for a broad united front movement for the freedom of Ireland, North and South, against British imperialism.

This united front appeal was launched Sunday night at a mass meeting of the Irish Republican Army and the Clan-na-Gael at Central Opera House. The audience unanimously protested the murder of James Richards and Peter Barnes, Irish workers, on the Birmingham gallows last week, and pledged its support to the fight for independence.

Everyone stood in silence two minutes for the two martyrs. Chairman P. J. Gillespie, Clan-na-Gael officials and organizers of the Irish American Nationalist Club sounded the unity keynote when he said that the Irish revolutionary movement united men of many different religions and philosophies in a common struggle.

"It doesn't matter what your philosophy of life is," he said; "it doesn't matter what your religion is, if you will fight with us." The purpose of the fight is to give practical assistance to the Irish workers in preparing for the 1940 navigation season in the Arctic, and to help Communist Party organizations in the Arctic stations to organize political work and the election of Communist Party leading bodies.

Sunday night's meeting is the first important step in a campaign that will stir millions of Irish-Americans, said leaders last night. A drive for a Madison Square Garden meeting is already under way.

Well-known Irish leaders took part in the Central Opera House demonstration. James Brilane, veteran of the Easter Week rebellion in Dublin; Charles P. Connelly, editor of the "Irish Echo," Irish-American paper; Sean Hayes, IRA leader, and Austin Hogan, president of the powerful New York Transport Workers' Union local, were among the speakers.

The fight for Ireland is broadening into a fight against American entry into the imperialist war to help Britain.

Hogan made this plain in a vigorous speech Sunday night. "There was tremendous applause when the chairman announced that an Irish trade unionist, who helped save Irish subway workers from the 12-hour day, would speak. But the cheering was louder as the speaker went into an attack on imperialist war.

"Today the world is facing a crisis far deeper than in 1918 and 1917," began Hogan. "Again the imperialists of the world talk of the 'rights' of small nations and the 'defense of democracy' (scornful laughter from the audience).

"Foremost spokesmen of such 'democracy' are the henchmen of John Bull, who exercises his 'democracy' in the oppression of Ireland, South Africa and India." The hanging of Richards and Barnes was a sample of this so-



AUSTIN HOGAN

called British "democracy," said the transport men's leader. Hogan predicted that the Irish people will rise and their rising will light the flames of revolt against French, German and British imperialism everywhere.

What can American workers do to help? asked Hogan.

"Stop all aid to British imperialism," he answered. "Any aid America gives to British imperialism is a blow against Ireland."

Strengthen the whole anti-war movement, Hogan urged. "By strengthening the anti-war movement you strengthen the fight against British imperialism. The closer the Irish people make their ties with the general anti-war movement in America, the more we will do to block the bankers and agents of British imperialism, who want America to pull British chestnuts out of the fire."

### LOTHIAN BOOED

Boos greeted the names of Lord Lothian, British ambassador, Morgan and the duPonts, as the transport leader denounced the war-makers.

"A bishop of the Church of England said Americans should fight for England and France because they are making profits out of the war," he said.

"Who makes the profits. How many of you own bonds of the houses of Morgan and the duPont? None. You get only the suffering and misery of war. "The American people, the working people, are not willing to shed

## Soviet Plane Brings Cheer To Ice-Bound

12,500-Mile Flight to Bring Mail and Papers To Arctic Stations

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Feb. 19.—A 12,500-mile "agitation flight" was under way today as the huge, four-engined plane N-169 winged northwards on a three-month flight to most of the Soviet Arctic stations along the northern seaboard of the U.S.S.R.

The plane, piloted by Polar aviator Cherevichny, took off yesterday morning from Moscow Central Airport with representatives of the Propaganda and Agitation Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and a brigade of artists and cameramen aboard.

The N-169 also carries a cargo of some 7,000 letters for Arctic workers, political literature, fiction, magazines, newspapers, phonograph records and other material.

The plane will touch at Andarna, Igarka, Dudinka, Dickson Island, Tixie Bay, Cape Schmidt, Anadyr, Wrangel Island and other points.

one drop of blood for the profits of Morgan and duPont. "Let us tell that bunch of lords and ladies and bankers that they won't fool us again."

Hogan and other speakers warned the Irish Americans present to "prepare for tough times ahead" in America.

"Tremendous capitalist forces," said Hogan, "are fighting viciously on the side of British imperialism. But the transport workers will fight for every oppressed minority, especially our national minority in Ireland."

Sean Hayes, IRA leader, also warned of "difficult times" ahead in America. He told, for instance, how the Department of Welfare had refused them permission to collect for Ireland, while permitting collections for Poles.

James Breslin, IRA veteran, said the Irish would not flinch in their tasks.

"Our people in Ireland," he said, "will give the British blow for blow as they did against the Black and Tans."

Charles P. Connelly, editor of the "Irish Echo" appealed to the audience for funds for a gigantic meeting to be held before long in Madison Square Garden. Pledges were given.

The "Browder Library" contains over 800 pages of Browder's writings. Clip the "Browder Library" Certificates today. Get these books for only 99 cents!

## Mexican Arrests Nip Terrorist Plot Against Cardenas

Attorney General Reveals Seizure of Plans to Seize Mexico City and Arouse Outlying Districts To Counter-Revolutionary War

(By Alfred Miller)

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19.—A conspiracy to overthrow the progressive regime of President Lazaro Cardenas, involving General Joaquin Amaro, presidential candidate and leader of the fascist "Anti-Communist party," was revealed late yesterday at the Attorney General's office. Amaro was formerly head of the garrison of the Federal District.

Five ringleaders, including the treasurer of the fascist Goldshirts, were arrested, questioned and then released by order of Pres. Cardenas. Evidence uncovered disclosed formation of a fascist army "for the liberation of the Mexican state." A military plan was discovered outlining attacks on garrisons throughout Mexico by this army and the organization of stormtroopers to be known as Grupo del Fuerza.

### CALL TO REBELLION

Documents found at the home of one of the arrested ringleaders, Ramon Jimenez, included propaganda attacking Cardenas and his Cabinet, and a manifesto by Amaro, in the name of his "party," calling on the inhabitants of Michoacan state to rebel against the Cardenas government.

Jimenez identified himself as a Gold Shirt special inspector and delegate for the Laguna region and a member of the "Democratic-Constitutional," and allied fascist outfit. Other groups involved are the Catholic Youth Association, the Nationalist Youth, and the Amara Campaign headquarters.

Other evidence included a call of the fascist "army," as yet unformed, to the Regular Army calling on it to support the rebellion. The Attorney General said that the new "army" was an effort to revive the so-called "Constitutional Army," of General Saturnino Cedillo, who was slain during a push last year.

The leadership of the planned rebellion was in the hands of the Grupo del Fuerza, whose members

were well disciplined and subject to punishment not even revealed in the organization constitution.

### NAMED KEY MEN

A long list of "trustworthy people" in various towns and villages in many states was discovered.

A sub-leader's report to Amaro gave details such as "facilitating the movement by disguising our men in San Marcos, including some from the capital who would know the ground and enable us easily to overpower the army detachment."

Linked to the rebellious group are several army officials, including General Gardemida, Gold Shirt chief, General Nicolas Rodriguez, whose ties to the foreign oil companies are notorious, was also deeply involved.

Amaro is working closely with General Juan Andreu Almanan, the main candidate of reaction in the presidential election. Amaro is handling the "dirty work."

Labor organizations, fearing that the rebellion may flare up despite the arrest of some leaders, are demanding the arrest and punishment of all discovered to be involved in the plot.

## Newark Votes Today on Labor Opposed City Mgr.

NEWARK, Feb. 19.—This city, as well as Atlantic City, goes to the polls tomorrow in a special referendum to vote on whether to keep the present commission government, or the proposed Council-manager form.

Both the CIO, AFL and many other organizations, including the Communist Party, have strongly opposed the city manager plan, condemning it as a shield for big business interests to retain a stranglehold and reactionary grip on municipal affairs.

# CHILEAN 'RADICALS' QUIT CABINET; CAUSE CRISIS

COMMUNISTS DECLARE DECISION MARKED YIELDING TO PRESSURE OF IMPERIALISTS

(By Cable to Intercontinental News)

SANTIAGO, Chile Feb. 19.—The Executive Committee of the Radical Party of Chile, after precipitating a ministerial crisis by passing a decision to withdraw its six ministers from the Cabinet of the Popular Front Government, has been forced to resign.

The President of the Republic, Pedro Aguirre Cerda, has appointed four new ministers to replace the outgoing Cabinet members and has named Cristobal Saez, a big landowner, one of the world's ten largest wheat growers, who favors a policy of conciliation with imperialist groups, as Minister of Foreign Affairs. The new Minister of Agriculture, Victor Moller, is also a large landowner; the new Minister of Interior is a lawyer, Humberto Alvarez, and the Minister of Education is a conservative professor named Antonio Iribarren.

The Central Committee of the

Radical Party last Saturday decided to withdraw its six ministers from the Cabinet on the pretext that public opinion was blaming these six ministers for the inefficiencies and mistakes of the present administration. This critical decision was made at a time when the opposition to the Popular Front, encouraged by the imperialists and the reactionary landowners, was unleashing a series of attacks against the foreign policy, the neutrality policy, of the present administration and its agrarian program.

### NEW EXECUTIVE NAMED

The decision of the Executive Committee of the Radical Party caused general confusion and alarm in the country. The withdrawal of the six Radical Ministers from the Popular Front Cabinet and the crisis it engendered brought about the resignation of the Executive

Committee of the Radical Party and the resignation of Senator Duran as the spokesman of the parliamentary group of that party.

After several internal conflicts within the Radical Party, a new Executive Committee was elected. The radical newspaper La Hora declared that the present composition of the newly elected Executive Committee would undoubtedly reflect the satisfactory relations finally achieved within the ranks of the Radical Party. There are, nevertheless, some left-wing Radicals who are dissatisfied with the newly elected Executive Committee of the Radical Party.

The main task of the new Executive is to put into practice the decisions adopted at the last convention of the Radical Party—to cooperate with the government for the realization of the Popular Front program in the interests of the people of Chile.

The new ministers appointed by the President made several statements to the press in which they declared that their main purpose would be to consolidate the unity of the parties which form the Popular Front and to strengthen their political combination which overcame the tremendous obstacles thrown in the way by the reactionary forces.

The new ministers also stated that they would support the President's policy in international affairs, for closer unity between the countries of the Western Hemisphere, and maintain a policy of strict neutrality in the present European conflict. They also announced their full support for the general policy of the administration, and their desire to develop the program of the Popular Front rapidly.

As soon as the former Executive Committee of the Radical Party announced its decision of withdrawing its ministers, the Commu-

nist Party of Chile issued a statement denouncing the attitude of the Executive Committee, and clarifying the real issues. The decision to withdraw the ministers, the Communist Party statement said, was taken behind the back of the Popular Front organizations. The Communist Party placed the responsibility for the ministerial crisis squarely on the Radical Party Executive, a crisis which it termed "a victory for the financial oligarchy of the country and the international bankers."

In its statement, the Communist Party also denounced the policy of conciliation with the oligarchy which is being advanced as a result of the ministerial crisis. It strongly urged the continuation of the policy that the Popular Front has been carrying on up to now and the fulfillment of the program pledged to the people, without hesitancy or vacillation.

The Chilean Workers Confederation also issued a manifesto urging the strengthening of the unity of the proletariat in order to carry out the program of the Popular Front which is today under attack from the enemies of the people who are working undercover to smash the achievements of the people gained in the first year of the Popular Front government.

The statements of the Communist Party and of the Chilean Workers Confederation express the popular dissatisfaction of the people, and the left-wing Radicals and the youth with the steps taken by the former Executive Committee of the Radical Party.

The Communist Party and the Chilean Workers Confederation are demanding closer unity around the Popular Front organizations in order to smash the maneuvers of the reactionary forces of the country.

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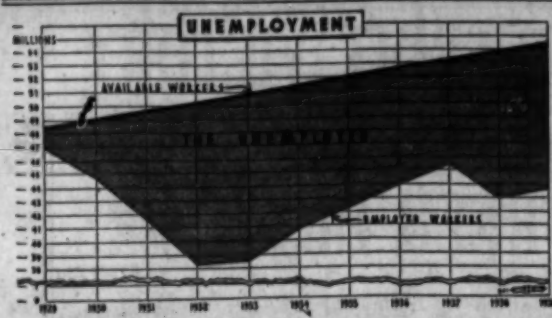
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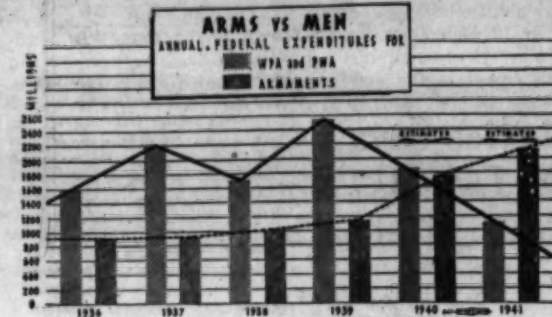
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NOTE: The amounts of expenditures for WPA and PWA and for armaments are based on actual expenditures each fiscal year. The amounts for the 1940 and 1941 fiscal years are based on Government estimates.

Charts from THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK (CIO)

## U. S. Production Climbs, Jobs Drop, Says CIO Survey

Chart Shows How New Deal Relief Spending Declined with Turn of Political Policies Toward Reaction

An indication of what the CIO's testimony will be at the hearing on technological charges next week called by the Senate monopoly committee, was seen today in the Economic Outlook, a monthly survey of economic conditions, issued by the CIO.

Illustrated by two graphs the bulletin shows that 1939 ended with a production passing the peak of 1929 by 3 points, but with a gap of over ten million unemployed.

A second chart shows the sharp dip in the curve for WPA and PWA expenditures, corresponding closely with the political drive to reaction by the Roosevelt administration, while an almost equally sharp curve upward pictures the rise in expenditures for armaments.

### TOP PRODUCTION

The outlook cites the Federal Reserve Board's index showing 128 for production in December, 1939, while the highest previous level was 125 in June, 1929. The trend since the first of the year bears out the earlier estimate of Outlook that production will drop about 15 points within the first quarter of 1940, despite war orders, says the publication.

It is brought out in the study, however, that the 15 point drop is not a prediction of a new depression, but "it is a sign of a warning."

The graphic analyses of the CIO brings out that the number of persons available for employment, due to population growth, rose from approximately 46,500,000 in 1929 to a little over 54,000,000 at the start of 1940. But, as against the 47,000,000

estimated employed in 1929 at farm and non-farm labor, only about 43,500,000 had jobs at the end of 1939, but turning out more production than 10 years ago.

### JOBLESS INCREASE

Unemployment rise, due to technological advancement, the study estimates, is at between two and one-half and three million; about a million and a half were estimated unemployed in 1929, while the rest of over six million is attributed to population rise.

"Industrial production and all non-farm employment will have to rise 25 per cent above present levels in order to employ present unemployment," concludes the survey.

"One factor which has prevented unemployment from being much worse," adds the CIO, "is the great reduction in weekly hours worked in industry. The average number of hours now worked in industrial employment is 38; in 1929 48 hours was the average work week."

"If, therefore, organized labor and the Wages and Hours Act had not combined to reduce the number of weekly hours worked the level of industrial employment would today be approximately 20 per cent less."

The survey cites several reasons that tend to hold up the economic curve; store sales are still strong; industrial union growth has shown a vigorous trend in recent months; farm income is substantially better than last year; some money will go into purchasing power through the start of payments of old-age security; the raise of the wage minimum to 30 cents hourly and finally war orders.

### DEBIT SIDE

On the other hand, the depressing factors are the continued drop in steel production; an expected sharp fall in automobile production; private investment has not picked up materially; orders for basic raw materials are continuing to decline and, above all, the sharp reduction in government spending on relief, NYA, farm aid and similar social needs.

"The dollar spent for arms does not have the effect of stimulating purchasing power as much as the WPA or PWA dollar, says the CIO."

"The 'economy' budget," says the CIO's survey, "is part of a political game of tag during an election year. The budget is for the first move in the play between the President and Congress to see who can be tagged with responsibility for raising the public debt above the statutory limit of 45 billion dollars. The present debt limit was enacted in 1917, greatly modified in the spring of 1938. The question of raising the figure is purely political. The debt could just as well be 55 billion dollars or 35 billion dollars without really affecting the strength of our economy."

"The President led off in the game by proposing a budget which would hold the national debt just 62 billion dollars below the 45 billion dollar limit."

In order to do this the drastic relief cuts were proposed.

## BKLYN KIDS HEALTH HURT BY RELIEF DIET, ALLIANCE FINDS

Serious Health Defects Revealed in 541 Kids During Examinations

An examination of 541 children of relief families made in ten Brooklyn neighborhoods, showed among them an average of two defects for each child due to under-nourishment, a result of the survey announced yesterday by the Workers' Alliance of Kings County revealed.

Norman Schrank, Kings County organizer of the Alliance, said the examinations were made by 14 doctors, assisted by as many nurses, on Feb. 3, at the respective headquarters of the Workers' Alliance in Brooklyn's most populous relief and WPA neighborhoods.

"The result of the survey convinces us that we have started on the right track to reveal what low relief standards do to our population," Schrank said. "We will continue and extend this study under the direction of a special medical board of the Workers' Alliance that we are setting up."

Schrank indicated that free eye examinations to adults will be arranged and, possibly, all-round examinations of adults in certain areas.

### HOLD HEARINGS

The facts revealed in the health examinations are now the central subjects at open neighborhood hearings. Alliance branches are arranging in several parts of Brooklyn, Schrank said, with civic, labor, religious and government leaders invited to participate.

A hearing at Brownsville last Friday brought over 350 people, who showed keen interest in the disclosures.

A total of 1,060 defects, in some cases four to a child, were found in the examinations of the 541 children. Of the total examined, 471, or 87 per cent, were of families subsisting on relief or WPA wages. The others were of families in private employment but on meagre wages.

The doctors who made the examinations concluded in their study of the cases that almost every one of the defects were remedial, with undernourishment as the chief cause and obstacle to cure.

The examination charts showed the following: Underweight, undernourished, 290 or 53 per cent; respiratory infections, especially in the throat, 60 or 11 per cent; enlarged or infected tonsils that ought to come out, 130 or 24 per cent; anemia, 100 or 19 per cent; ear infections, 20 or 3 per cent; defective, flat feet, 20 or 3 per cent; bad teeth, 100 or 18 per cent; cardiac condition, 30 or 5 per cent; poor posture, 105 or 19 per cent; enlarged glands, chronic infections, 50 or 9 per cent; skin diseases, 15 or 2 per cent; defective eyes, need glasses, 45 or 8 per cent; rickets, hernia, kidney troubles, 30 or 5 per cent.

### GROUP INVITED

Typical of the public hearings at which the Alliance is bringing up



—Daily Worker Photo  
FIFTY PER CENT OF "DEPRESSION BABIES" UNDERWEIGHT—Children of the unemployed have had their health seriously impaired by sub-standard diet, a survey by the Workers Alliance disclosed yesterday. Results of Survey undertaken Feb. 3 were made public yesterday. Photo above shows John Puglia as he was examined at Alliance Health Project Feb. 3.

the serious health menace relief diets have become, and the need for a higher standard and better supply of clothing, is that arranged in the Borough Hall area on Feb. 28 at 359 J. St.

Invited to the hearing were leaders of the following organizations: Willoughby Settlement House, Downtown Brooklyn Community Center, the Urban League, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of the CIO, Cafeteria Em-

## Philadelphia Rally To Launch Drive for CP Ballot Signatures

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—The Pennsylvania election campaign of the Communist Party will be launched Saturday evening at Musical Fund Hall, 810 Locust St. at 8 P.M. with the opening of the State Nominating Convention.

William Z. Foster, National Chairman, Peter V. Cacchione and Sam Adams Darcy, State Secretary, will speak at the opening session. Committee meetings will be held Sunday morning at 9 P.M. in the same hall.

At twelve noon Sunday Sam Darcy will make the political report on the election tasks in Pennsylvania. The public sessions will be Saturday evening at eight and Sunday at noon.

The convention will launch the

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## Gales Sweep Eastern Half Of America

Snow and Rain Hamper Traffic, Strand Many On Highways

(By United Press)

Heavy snows, freezing rains and gales swept the eastern seaboard and parts of the Middle West yesterday in the second severe storm in five days. Most sections still were digging out from a heavy fall of snow on St. Valentine's day.

A heavy snow storm that reached its peak in Kansas blocked highways, stalled highway traffic and grounded air-liners. The storm was caused by a mass of warm air that moved inland from the Atlantic. Oklahoma, Texas and southern Kansas reported heavy drifts, swept up by strong winds.

The Midwest disturbance moved north to Illinois, eastern and southern Iowa and Wisconsin. Additional snow was forecast for the plains of western Texas where a week-end blizzard took three lives and stranded hundreds, including 400 school children at Lubbock.

Freezing rain and gales again swept the New England coast. More snow was forecast for that area.

Rain and six inches of snow fell in upstate New York.

A much-needed rain storm struck New York City where the water supply had been reduced acutely by unusual dry weather. Some air flights were canceled out of New York.

A crest of 34 or 35 feet for the rising Ohio River was predicted by tomorrow. The river had risen 42 feet in the past 24 hours but there was no flood danger. The Ohio flood stage is 53 feet.

## Byrd Radioes New Land Found In Polar Region

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (UP).—Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd radioed the navy today that the U. S. Antarctic expedition has found evidence that the Ross Ice Shelf is not the frozen surface of the sea but rests upon land.

Byrd reported that an overland trail party plans to leave the west base Wednesday for a thousand-mile trek but he did not give details. The U. S. Bear, which is sailing eastward toward a prospective eastern base, is still battling gales and icebergs. The motorship North Star, which left the expedition to get supplies at Chile, will sail tomorrow from Valparaiso for Little America.

### Woman Suicide

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'Foreign Born' Committee Asks Strong Protest to Halt Passage of Dempsey Bill; Committee To Hold Conference

Hearings on the Dempsey Bill, H. R. 4860, are to be held by a sub-committee of the Senate Immigration Committee on Wednesday, it was learned here yesterday by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 79 Fifth Ave. Senator James H. Hughes is serving as chairman of the sub-committee.

Officials of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born announced that they have requested their members and associates to voice strenuous opposition to the deportation measure since it is a disguised attack on the democratic rights of American citizens and American organizations.

They appealed for all individuals and organizations to wire their opposition to the measure to Senator Hughes immediately.

### UNDER FALSE COLORS

The Dempsey Bill, which was passed by the House without debate or roll call on the false basis that it was "non-controversial," provides for the deportation of non-citizens who believe in or belong to an organization that advocates "any change in the American form of government."

"The bill," the Committee stated, "would prevent American organizations with non-citizen members from supporting any measure which might be interpreted as affecting a 'change' in the American form of government. The Child Labor Amendment, the Wagner Health Program, and other measures of vital importance to the welfare of the American people could be so interpreted. Every effort must be made to defeat this un-American measure."

### TO HOLD ANNUAL PARLEY

The fourth annual conference of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born will meet March 2 and 3 at the Hotel Annapolis, Washington.

The two-day national conference will be devoted to a consideration of the status of the foreign-born in the United States today. Special attention will be devoted to methods for promoting and facilitating the naturalization of non-citizens. It was stated yesterday. Also under consideration will be the campaign for the defeat of the so-called anti-alien bills pending in Congress.

Speakers at the Saturday afternoon public session of the Conference will include: the Hon. Marshall E. Dimock, Assistant Secre-

tary of Labor; Archibald MacLachlan, Librarian of Congress; the Hon. Claude Pepper, United States Senator from Florida; and James H. Carey, National Secretary of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Dr. William Allan Neilson will act as Chairman for the Conference proceedings.

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## Massachusetts Parley Demands Peace and Jobs

Pressman Calls for War on Social Ills, Not on Europe's Battlefields; CIO Counsel Chides FDR's Budget

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 19.—A campaign to fight for Congressional action to meet the social needs of the people was launched here Sunday when a legislative conference sponsored by the Citizens Union of Massachusetts was held at the Hotel Bradford.

Addressed at its afternoon session by Lee Pressman, national counsel of the CIO, the conference represented twenty AFL, CIO and independent unions, ten youth, five Negro and fourteen civic organizations.

On housing: For the \$800,000,000 housing allotment increase, for setting up a local citizens housing council.

Delivering the main address of the conference, Lee Pressman congratulated the conference for its work and declared that its resolutions "constituted, in the main, the CIO legislative program."

### FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

The resolutions included:

On civil liberties: Protection of civil rights of all, opposition to anti-alien legislation, for the anti-lynch bill, for Negro rights and especially for the right of Negroes in the Southern states to vote and against further restrictive amendments to the Hatch Bill.

On unemployment and social security: For Extension of the unemployment insurance provisions to cover more categories of workers, extension of social security act, continuation and extension of Federal relief and WPA.

On education: Passage of the

federal aid to education act (S. 1305), protesting to the Governor of Mississippi on the proposal for Jim-Crow text books on civics, for an increase in NYA appropriations.

On LABOR'S RIGHTS: For passage of the LaFollette-Thomas Bill, opposing repeal or emasculation of the Wages-Hours Act, telegrams to Massachusetts members on House Labor Committee and to Senator David L. Walsh against amending the Wagner Act.

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The CIO, he declared amid great applause, was absolutely against and stood firmly opposed to any steps that might lead to our participation in foreign wars. Bankrupt politicians, Mr. Pressman pointed out, work to divert attention from domestic problems, particularly unemployment, by holding up war as a solution.

### HITS STARVATION BUDGET

Vigorously assailing President Roosevelt's budget proposals, the CIO head asserted that since political leaders in the administration give no answer the people must fight for their needs. He called for action in providing a measure or security for the aged and said that the CIO proposal of \$60 per month to those aged was a "beginning in this direction."

He reminded the conference that if the Youth Congress resolution on loans to Finland was "twaddle," as F. D. R. called them, then the same "twaddle" label could be pinned on the Citizens Union Conference, since all who attended were not experts on every subject acted upon.

"We are for war on poverty and insecurity," Mr. Pressman concluded, "but we are against our involvement in any foreign wars."

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## CIO and AFL Unite on Struggle Against Poll Tax

Both Labor Groups, In Addition to Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Others Pledge Support to End Practice

(Continued from Page 1)

John P. Davies, secretary of the National Negro Congress.

### OTHER GROUPS REPRESENTED

Other organizational representatives included Labor's Non-Partisan League, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, the National Lawyers Guild, the American Civil Liberties Union and the National League of Women Shoppers.

Discussed at the meeting were the speedy introduction of a companion bill in the Senate and the list of witnesses, who could testify on behalf of the bill before the House Judiciary committee.

Mayor Maury Maverick of San

Antonio, Texas, who heads the anti-poll tax campaign committee of the Southern Human Welfare Conference, is one of the experts who is ready to appear at the hearings when they take place.

Rep. Geyer said that those present at the meeting "reported a strong sentiment among their membership for abolition of the poll-tax and cited many distinguished authorities who desire to testify."

"I can think of no issue now before Congress more important than giving the American people the right to vote," Geyer said.

Geyer's bill would make it unlawful for "any person whether or not acting under the authority of the laws of a state, to require the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite for voting or registering to vote."

The number of the bill is H. R. 7534, and it is in the form of an amendment to the act to prohibit "perjurious activity."

States which now have poll taxes are Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Virginia.

The average poll tax in these states runs around \$1.75 a year, and in some states the tax is cumulative from year to year. In other states, it is necessary to pay interest and collection charges.

As a result of the poll tax system, only a small minority of the people in the South vote, and the vast majority of the population, both Negro and white, is barred from participating in elections.

### Mortgage Firm Head Gets Two Years for Fraud

George T. Mortimer, former president of the New York Title and Mortgage Co., was sentenced in Federal Court yesterday to two years imprisonment and fined \$5,000 on mail fraud and conspiracy charges.

Mortimer and two other officers of the company were convicted in connection with stock speculations in the \$720,000 company which collapsed in 1933. H. T. Williams, former chairman of the executive committee, and Hubert Breitweiser, former vice president, were sentenced last week. Williams was sentenced to two years and fined \$5,000. Breitweiser received a one-year term.

Judge Henry W. Goddard deferred until March 12 the sentencing of Harry A. Kahler, 85-year-old former chairman of the board, who pleaded guilty.

Mortimer, who is 65, was said to be in ill health.

### Probe of Minneapolis Fire Brings Arson Hint

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 19 (UP).—Arthur Spottswood, chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau, said today there was a "strong possibility of arson" in the fire which destroyed the Marlborough Hotel with the loss of 19 lives Jan. 3.

Spottswood said "unusual" quantities of magnesium were found in the charred wood of the Marlborough stairways. Discovery of the highly-inflammable chemical was made by Dr. L. H. Reyerson, head of the chemistry department at the University of Minnesota.

### Nation's Oldest Doctor, 104, Dies After Injury

BETHEL, Ohio, Feb. 19 (UP).—Dr. William Eberle Thompson, 104, believed to be the oldest practicing physician in the United States, died today of injuries received in a fall two weeks ago. He liked to tell of casting his vote for Abraham Lincoln.

Dr. Thompson made calls on patients until he was 100 years old, and continued receiving them at his office until he was injured.

## Kills Father



Her head bowed with grief, Mrs. Frank Miller is comforted by her son, Frank Jr., after the seven-year-old boy killed his father. While they talked with owner of a Chicago hardware store, while shopping, he wandered behind counter, found a pistol, pulled the trigger. Father died instantly.

## No Troops for Helsinki, Says Swedish King

Move Would Lead to Involvement in War, He Tells People

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Sweden now should intervene in Finland, it would cause the direct risk that we should not only be drawn into war against Russia but also the war between the great powers and I have not been able to take the responsibility to face such a risk.

"If such a situation should arise it would not be possible for us to give Finland even the amount of aid we now provide her with—aid which is not small and which we also in the future are willing to give her with all our hearts."

"The basic interests of Sweden, her honor and her place, are aims which I always bear in mind and work for. With the help of the Lord I hope we shall be able to escape all the terrible horrors of war by following the way we have chosen to start upon. The Fatherland has always given me many proofs of confidence and trust, therefore it is my heartfelt hope that my people, even in this dangerous situation, may understand and accept my way of action."

### Man Runs Amok, Kills One Cop, Wounds Another

WILLOWS, Cal., Feb. 19 (UP).—Running amok with a 12 gauge shotgun on a downtown street, A. E. Carroll, 45, shot and killed Chief of Police Dave Markham today and seriously wounded another policeman before he fell wounded by a pistol shot. A fourth man, a bystander, was wounded by a stray bullet.

## How the FDR Aides Kow-towed to Britain and Sabotaged a Peace Project Told by Writers

Just how interested the Roosevelt Administration is in peace, to what lengths big-shots will go to sabotage any real peace efforts and how official United States agencies kow-tow to British interests in blocking real peace overtures is brilliantly highlighted in last Sunday's "Washington Merry-Go-Round," informed behind-the-scenes column of Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen.

Pearson and Allen relate the incident as a backdrop to the current visit of Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles to Europe.

"Here is a description," Pearson and Allen wrote, "of one confidential peace overture in which the President was interested, which also throws light on the Roosevelt row with John L. Lewis."

"In late September, about three weeks after war broke out, W. R. Davis, the international oil man, was visiting with Lewis and Walter Jones of Pittsburgh in the latter's apartment, and told of conversations he had had with Hitler."

"Davis had been selling Mexican oil to Germany, was intimate with high-placed Nazis, and told of their ideas for permanent European peace."

## Boston Arena Is Secured for C.P. Rally

Browder, Flynn, Winston To Speak at State CP Nominating Meeting

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 19.—A permit for the meeting having been finally obtained from city and state authorities, the Communist Party of Massachusetts today signed a contract for the Boston Arena, seating 12,000, to be used for the wind-up rally Sunday afternoon, March 31, of the Massachusetts Communist Party nominating convention.

A delegation of the Communist Party National Committee, headed by Earl Browder, General Secretary, and including Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Henry Winston, Administrative Secretary of the Young Communist League, will attend the convention and address the rally.

## Cleveland Row Over Catholic Priest Still On

Angry Parishners Halt New Attempt to Put Priest in Church

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CLEVELAND, Feb. 19.—An angry crowd of 1,500 men, women and children today expressed their indignation at an ecclesiastical interdiction placed upon the parish because of their opposition to the installation of a new pastor.

For the third time church officials found it impossible to clear a path to the church through the demonstrating parishioners, who yelled and hooted "go home" to the dignitaries trying to enter.

Small boys joined the affair with a snowball barrage, and a corps of sixty police mustered for the occasion clubbed several persons and arrested seven.

Mr. Begin later explained that the interdiction means that the parishioners may not be married in the eyes of the church, nor receive the sacraments of the church, until it is lifted. "And it will not be lifted," he said, "until the parish receives without qualification the priest whom the archbishop sends as pastor. That priest is Father Caruso."

## SWOC Wins Smash Victory In Ala. Shop

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 19.—An election held among workers of the McWane Cast Iron Pipe Company here resulted in a victory for the Steel Workers Organizing Committee which polled 381 votes to 12 against it.

For many months representatives of the SWOC have been trying by every legitimate means to induce the company to bargain collectively. CIO Regional Director Yelverton Cowherd said, in commenting on the election victory, and finally were forced to petition for an election to prove that SWOC represented the majority of the workers.

## 25c Wage OK'd For Learners In Glove Trade

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (UP).—Special certificates authorizing glove manufacturers to employ learners at 25 cents an hour were announced today by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.

The Division stipulated that learners hired under the new provision could not exceed five per cent of the total workers for "certain occupations in the leather dress, knit fabric, work and knit wool glove factories if experienced workers are not available."

ever, Davis raised such a fuss, he was finally allowed to proceed, though not until after the Clipper had been held 24 hours in Bermuda for him.

The British did everything in their power to handicap Davis, Pearson and Allen said, and he was finally forced to cancel passage from Portugal, take a plane to Morocco and go thence to Germany. He finally got to Berlin and conferred with high Nazi officials. He flew back to the United States, arriving in October. The column continues:

"With him he carried several long, closely written pages in German, giving the ideas on which Hitler was willing to discuss peace."

## Ski-ing—Last of the Season



NEW YORK PROVIDES SKI RUNS IN CITY PARKS: Young beginners start on their first descent on a slope in Central Park, Manhattan, one of the nine courses set aside in the parks of the five boroughs for the use of skiers. Local skiing organizations are supplying volunteer instructors for the winter sport enthusiasts. Rain yesterday rid most of the ski trail of snow.

## 3,000 Warehouse Union Members Hear Bridges

Announces CIO Is Launching National Drive to Organize Hundreds of Thousands of Warehousemen in Country

Harry Bridges, general president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehouse Workers Union, CIO, last night told 3,000 members of the Wholesale Warehouse Workers, Local 65, at Manhattan Center that the CIO is launching a national drive to organize the hundreds of thousands of workers in the industry.

Bridges was accompanied here by Eugene Patton, president of the San Francisco local of the ILWU from Washington where they conferred with CIO leaders on the warehouse drive now getting under way.

Bridges will spend several days in New York in further conferences with warehouse union officials in mapping out the campaign.

The noted union leader pointed out that West Coast warehousemen have established the highest standards of conditions in the industry, and that the lack of organization in many other sections of the nation endangers the \$30 wage minimum, 40 weeks, seniority rights and other conditions prevailing on the coast.

"Now we are moving for a national set-up for the warehouse workers of the country," Bridges said, "an organization that will be able to deal economically and politically with the employers."

Last night meeting was the first at which Bridges spoke to a New York audience since he smashed the West Coast shipowners plot to deport him.

The famous labor figure arrived here late yesterday by train from Washington where he attended the session of the powerful CIO Maritime Council, along with Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union and other outstanding leaders in the maritime unions of both coasts.

Bridges earlier had announced that he would leave Washington by plane to speak before the union rally here last night, but had to switch to train due to all planes in the East being grounded because of the blinding storm which swept over the seaboard.

## Navy's Newest Carrier On 10-Day Test Run

BOSTON, Feb. 19 (UP).—The Navy's newest airplane carrier, the \$21,000,000 Wasp, left the South Boston dry dock today for her official trial runs off the New England coast.

A Navy trial board from Washington is aboard the ship which is under command of Captain Joseph I. Kemp during the 10-day tests.

If the ship is accepted, she probably will be commissioned April 1, four days to the day her keel was laid.

## Behan Trial Set For March 4

The Police Department trial of Luet. Othbert Behan, who recently was acquitted in the Supreme Court in Brooklyn of criminal charges arising out of the Amen probe, was scheduled for March 4, today by Jeremiah T. Mahoney, sixth deputy police commissioner.

The charges against Behan contain twenty-four items, the most serious of which is that he refused to waive immunity before the Grand Jury when it was investigating the alleged theft of 7,200 arrest records from the Bergen street police station in Brooklyn. A jury acquitted him of the theft charge.

"No," they quoted Lewis as saying, "I won't come down to your office and talk with all those microphones around. I'll come to your home."

Lewis did visit Berle at his home, the columnists said, and finally Davis completed the translation of the peace plan and transmitted it orally to Berle. Jones was also present at the interview, but no one else. Davis emphasized that the entire conversation was to be strictly confidential.

The column continued: "This was at noon. Later that day, Davis and Jones motored to Harrisburg, Pa., where a phone call from Washington reached them—a query from a newspaperman."

"The State Department tells me that you and W. R. Davis have brought a peace proposal from Germany," the newspaperman said to Jones.

"That was how interested the State Department, at that time, was in plans for peace."

# DETROIT VICTORY RALLY TO WELCOME FREED PRISONERS

Notables to Speak at Victory Meeting to Greet Intended Victims of the FBI in Now Famous "Spanish Civil War" Case

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
DETROIT, Feb. 19.—This city will celebrate on Washington's Birthday, Thursday, Feb. 22, the great victory won when 12 Detroiters were released from prison and "conspiracy" charges against a total of 16 were dropped by the government in the now famous "Spanish Civil War" case.

A huge mass meeting at Mayfair Ballroom, 3116 Woodward Ave., has been called on that date by the Bill of Rights Defense Committee and the Michigan Civil Rights Federation, which led the nation-wide defense of the victims of the FBI.

Announcement of the celebration followed swiftly upon the decision of Attorney General Robert H. Jackson to drop the charges on the grounds that "these indictments present to the Department of Justice the dilemma of either discontinuing these cases or entering upon a vastly broader campaign of persecution."

Speakers at the mass meeting will be headed by former Congressman John T. Bernard of Minnesota, a veteran champion of civil liberties. Others will include Ernest Goodman, counsel for the accused, and Rev. Owen A. Knox, treasurer of the Defense Committee.

Mary "Soc" Paige, 23 years old and the only woman among those arrested, will tell of her jail experiences. She was held incommunicado in solitary confinement for ten days on the exorbitant bail of \$10,000.

The other prisoners will be introduced to the audience and some of them will speak briefly on their arrest and imprisonment.

## U.S. Shipping Line Sells Eight Boats To Belgium Firm

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (UP).—The U. S. Maritime Commissioner today approved the sale of eight United States Line vessels to a Belgium corporation in which the U. S. Line has a 40 per cent interest.

The ships will fly the Belgium flag. The prospective purchaser is the Societe Maritime Anvers Soise, a Belgium corporation whose officers, directors and owners are Belgians with 70 per cent interest.

The vessels are the President Harding, American Trader, American Merchant, American Farmer, American Banker, American Traveler, American Shipper and American Importer.

Previously the U. S. Lines had sought to transfer the ships to Panama registry but the company withdrew its application following opposition.

## 10,000 Italian 'Volunteers' to Aid Mannerheim

PARIS, Feb. 19 (UP).—Ten thousand Italian "volunteers" will depart soon for the Finnish front, Deamille Maribini, announced today in an appeal for White Guard Finnish aid from 10,000 Italians who live outside Italy.

## Patrols Clash on Western Front

PARIS, Feb. 19 (UP).—French and German patrols clashed at two points on the Western Front today and both suffered heavy losses, a High Command communique announced.

In the West Saar sector, a German detachment attempted to attack a French advance post but was repulsed with losses. The communique did not state how many Germans were killed.

It added that a heavy fire swept the banks of the Rhine from block-houses.

A French patrol detachment was ambushed east of the River Nied and 20 members were killed by German gunfire, a High Command communique announced.

It reportedly was the heaviest loss suffered by the French in any one clash thus far on the Western Front.

(The German High Command reported that the day brought "no occurrences worth mentioning.")

## Mexican Wind Storm Destroys Homes, Kills 5

PACHUCA, Hidalgo State, Mexico, Feb. 19 (UP).—Five persons were killed Saturday when strong winds destroyed several houses in the Tullancingo zone, 30 miles east of Pachuca, according to dispatches reaching here today.

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# NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS CALLS CAPITAL CONVENTION FOR APRIL

## Says Millions of Negroes Jobless

Parley Call Asks White, Negro People's Unity in Face of 'War Ridden World'; Urges Mass Protest To Halt Tory Attacks on Anti-Lynch Bill

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A ringing declaration that "the Negro people must be united as never before in a struggle to beat back the attacks against us," and that Negroes must "join with the great labor movement and the many progressive-minded white Americans in a combined effort to defend democracy in America" is contained in the official call to the Third National Negro Congress to be held in Washington April 26, 27, and 28, 1940.

The call has gone out this week to many thousands of organizations throughout the country. It not only announces the Congress, but stands as a statement of the problems of the Negro people of America.

The Congress will take place in the huge auditorium of the United States Department of Labor. "Now in a world ridden with war," states the call, "it is time again to summon the Negro people and the friends of Negro freedom to close ranks, lock hands and courageously deal with the crisis which today threatens the security of every section of Negro America. It is out of this crisis that the need for a Third National Negro Congress arises."

**MILLION JOBLESS, HUNGRY**  
Pointing to the fact that "millions of Negro people in America are hungry and jobless," the call reveals that 125,000 Negroes have been fired from WPA jobs in the past year. It also warns that another 75,000 will lose their WPA jobs in the coming six months through further cuts now planned. "From the throats of more than five million Negro wage-earners," the call says, "there comes today a single cry: 'Give us a chance to earn our daily bread at a steady job!'"

On the issue of housing, the call states that "the masses of the Negro people in America live in structures unfit for human beings." It also points out that "in the Negro communities of America there are always too few hospitals, too few playgrounds, clinics, schools."

"Underlying all of these problems," the call continues, "is the denial to large masses of the Negro people of their fundamental rights as American citizens." "The United States Congress," states the declaration, "will be debating the fate of major national issues. And seated in Congress are hundreds of Congressmen and Senators who owe their seats to the Negro vote. They should be made to feel the strength of the Negro people. National political leaders will be planning for their national conventions. They should be made to feel the urgent needs of the Negro people."

**WARNERS OF WAR DRIVE**  
"Never before was there so rich an opportunity for the Negro people to win their democratic rights,"

Pointing to the schemings and plottings under way today, the call says: "The battle lines are forming in America today. Make no mistake about it. Already such men as Vice-President Garner and Senator Tom Connally of Texas are scheming ways to defeat the anti-lynching bill in the United States Senate."

"Already reactionary forces in BOTH parties in Congress are plotting—and sometimes successfully—to curtail vital social services and destroy progressive labor legislation, thus robbing the people of every gain they have made in recent years."

"This gang is playing for high stakes: for control of the national elections. They are seeking to drive the American people toward war; and to use the threat of war as a smoke-screen behind which to attack our living standards and civil liberties."

The call concludes with a quotation from Frederick Douglass, great leader of the Negro people, and raises the slogan: "Forward to liberty for the Negro people!" "The call is signed by the National Officers of the National Negro Congress, A. Philip Randolph, president; John P. Davis, secretary, and U. Simpson Tate, treasurer."

Further information about the Congress can be received from its headquarters at 717 Florida Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

## Punch Saves His Pal



Wesley Watson (right), 12, demonstrates his life-saving technique on Archie Bowen, Jr., 12. They were playing near their Baltimore homes when Archie took hold of a live wire and couldn't let go. Wesley knew better than to grab him. Instead he slugged him on the jaw and knocked him loose. Archie's hands were severely burned.

## Long Machine Fights for Life In La. Run-off

1,500 Extra Cops Sworn In for Duty at Polls In Today's Vote

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19 (UP).—Fifteen hundred special policemen were named today to guard polls in tomorrow's Democratic run-off primary election—a contest that will decide the fate of the machine left by the late Huey Long and now headed by his brother, Governor Earl K. Long.

The regular Democratic primary was held Jan. 16 and a run-off became necessary because none of the five candidates received a majority of all votes cast. The candidates in the run-off are Governor Long and Sam Houston Jones, Lake Charles Attorney, who ran second to Long in the regular primary.

Superintendent of Police George Rye said his special police would be armed "because they are duly constituted officers." Special guards in the regular primary were not armed.

Rye warned State Senator James A. Noe that members of his special brigade—friends drafted to keep fraud from the polls—would be arrested if found carrying arms. Noe, a candidate in the regular primary, is supporting Jones.

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## Hotel Union To Aid Actors In Campaign

Speakers of the Hotel Trades Council of the A. F. of L. will call a membership meeting of the American Guild of Variety Artists at Piccadilly Hotel, 222 W. 45th St., next Sunday, 3 P.M., how their union proposes to aid the performers in their drive for 100 per cent union organization.

The meeting, called to elect officers for the New York local and to adopt a constitution, will also feature Lawrence Tibbett, president of the American Guild of Musical Artists, as speaker, and representative of the American Association of Artists and Artists, parent organization of all actors' unions.

The other speakers are: John J. Sullivan, secretary of the New York Hotel Trades Council, will speak on the cooperation his organization will lend AGVA; Michael Garriga, International vice-president of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, will tell of the cooperation AGVA may look for nationally from his union; and Hoyt S. Haddock, executive secretary of the American Guild of Variety Artists.

The unopposed local slate of officers includes Phil Irving, president; Dave Fox, first vice-president; Peter Wells, second vice-president; Hazel Scott, third vice-president; Michael Lewis, fourth vice-president; Helen Sanford, fifth vice-president; Billy Glason, recording secretary; and Sam Kramer, treasurer.

## Swift & Co. Cited as Pay Law Violators

Government Charges It Ignored Overtime Wage Rules

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—The Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Labor Department filed suit in Federal District Court today to enjoin Swift and Company from practices violating the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The government's action charged the company with failure to observe the overtime-payment provisions of the wages and hours act at its Chicago plant, involving 5,000 employees. In its petition for an injunction the government specifically rejected the contention of the American Meat Packers' Institute that an exemption provision for slaughter and dressing plants affected workers not actually employed as killers and dressers.

The government contended the overtime-payment provision had been violated by Swifts in the employment of watchmen, truckers, elevator operators, mechanics, office and clerical workers, and employees in the cheese, lard, soap, glue, margarine and kindred plants.

Many of the employees worked more than 24 hours weekly without receiving overtime benefits, the suit charged.

Thomas O'Malley, regional director of the wages and hours division, said the suit was the first of several planned throughout the country affecting the meat packing industry and 150,000 workers.

## Foster to Speak On Workers and War in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, Feb. 18.—William Z. Foster will be the main speaker at the mass meeting on Sunday, March 10th at 2 P. M. in the Music Hall of Public Auditorium.

Foster will speak on the imperialist war and the workers' struggle against the capitalists in Europe; and about the Wall Street-Roosevelt war against the workers here in America.

Mordcael Bauman, a great singer of folk songs of many nations, will make his first Cleveland appearance at this meeting on March 10. Andrew R. Onda, Cleveland secretary of the Party, will speak on the tax levy, relief and WPA in Cleveland.

## Fishermen Heard Radio Announce Them 'Dead'

Mystery Ship Came Alongside Drifting Trawler But Did Not Aid; Left Helpless in Ice With Nets Fouled in Propeller

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Feb. 19 (UP).—Four rescued fishermen recounted today how they heard a radio announcer say they were feared dead and how they encountered a "foreign ghost ship" while drifting helplessly through gale-lashed seas. Towed by the Coast Guard cutter Tahoe, the disabled New Bedford dragger Palmaris Island docked yesterday. Her skipper, Capt. Daniel A. Casey, 46, of Fairhaven, was suffering from a back injury received in a fall as the Tahoe tried to get a line aboard 250 miles from home.

Also rescued were Sheldon Kent, 26, of Fairhaven, and James Reynolds, 21, and Harry Nelson, 30, both of New Bedford. The 49-foot dragger's engine became disabled last Wednesday off Gay Head. To hold the ship into the wind, the crew put out a net and dropped their two dories overboard, but the net fouled the propeller and the seas smashed the dories.

## Md. Labor Law Parley Invites Congressmen

Senators, Congressmen, Asked to State Position On Legislation

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19.—Invitations to speak at the opening session of the Conference on Social and Labor Legislation to be held here Saturday, Feb. 24, have been sent to all Maryland Congressmen and Senators.

The invitations have asked the Congressmen to state their positions on five matters of vital importance to the people, and request them to submit a written statement if they cannot appear.

The Conference is initiated by the Maryland Labor League, a political organization composed of AFL, CIO, Railway Brotherhoods and professional groups. To date Congressmen Ambrose J. Kennedy, Thomas D'Alesandro, William B. Cole, Jr., William D. Byron and Senator Radcliffe have accepted the invitation to speak. Senator Tydings and Representative David J. Ward, and Lansdale G. Sasser, have declined because of previous engagements, but have promised to submit written statements.

The call for the conference, which will be held at the New Howard Hotel, 8 North Howard St., states its purpose as "arriving at a plan of action" on all legislative matters of importance "to labor, youth, farm groups, civic groups and all progressive minded individuals."

**LABOR GAINS IN DANGER**  
The call declares: "The national budget proposed by the Administration raises questions for all labor, farm and professional organizations."

"The gains made by labor during the New Deal Administration are in serious jeopardy, and there is a dangerous threat to the social and economic program in the coming election."

The letter to Congressmen declares that "we feel that it is of utmost importance to labor that this Congress formulate a constructive program which will insure the gains made by labor and will meet the economic and social needs of the day."

The legislators are asked to answer the following questions: "Do you or do you not approve of the policy of decreasing relief and WPA with no prospect of private employment?"

"Would you favor the compulsory shortening of hours and payment of adequate union-scale wages, as a means of absorbing the unemployed and of raising the purchasing power of the great majority of consumers?"

"Are you in favor of increasing government expenditures for WPA, NYA and CCC, an increase in direct opposition to the President's budget?"

"Do you believe that the money benefits under the social security program should be enlarged?"

"Do you believe that the unemployment and old-age provisions should be extended to cover more workers, including employees of non-profit organizations?"

"Do you or do you not favor amending the Fair Labor Standards Act?"

"Do you favor National Labor Relations Act amendments providing that: penalties be imposed on employers who violate it; gov-

## Young Democrats Rebuke FDR for Scolding Youth

Seattle Group Reminds President of Their Stand Against Loans to Mannerheim; Ask Him If That Was 'Twaddle'

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, Feb. 19.—Young Democrats of King County opposed loans to Mannerheim at a recent meeting and forwarded a communication to President Roosevelt sharply criticizing his reference to the American Youth Congress' resolution as "twaddle."

The letter, signed by President Dick Gorman, recalled that the Young Democratic clubs here had endorsed similar resolutions.

"We hope you did not consider them as 'twaddle' for we meant them very seriously. Our repeated declarations against any involvement in the war, including the historically dangerous loans to belligerents, were not intended to be meaningless simply because one nation or another came to be considered very unpopular," the Young Democrats declared.

"We cannot feel that a moral situation is sufficiently clear to permit intervention for Finland when other champions of her cause include such doubtful friends of democracy as Messrs. Chamberlain, Daladier, Mussolini and Franco. We hope that you will consider as our sincere wish that loans to Finland and other belligerents in the European war be not approved, that America remain completely neutral in the conflict and that we be safeguarded from the danger of participation."

ernment contracts be banned to violators; industrial form of organization be protected by outlawing NLRB powers which might be used to change the basis of such organization?

**NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM**  
"What is your position on the National Health program for labor, including the following points: Building more hospitals and clinics with Federal funds; expanding public health service to include tuberculosis; and syphilis; system of medical care for workers so that small wage earners may have free care and cash benefits for disability; the Department of Labor to carry out a program of industrial hygiene and establish standards for control and prevention of health risks in industry?"

"Do you believe that the U. S. Housing Authority should enlarge its program of slum clearance and construction, in order to remedy the existing housing shortage, and to provide employment in both construction and building trades industries?"

Each Congressman is promised twenty minutes to outline his position on these questions, with sufficient time to answer any questions from the floor.



**NEW AID FOR THOSE LEARNING TO SWIM:** Miss Helen Fulton photographed on the beach at Miami, Fla., where she demonstrated the use of a new belt which keeps the body at the proper level in the water. It is said that the device enables novices to learn the various swim strokes in record time.

## 'Saturday Review' Signs Magazine Guild Pact

Robert Josephy, president of the Book and Magazine Guild, publishing industry affiliate of the United Office and Professional Workers of America, C. I. O., and Harrison Smith, owner of the Saturday Review of Literature, signed a union contract last week covering the Saturday Review's employees.

The contract will bring raises of from one to four dollars a week for some employees, sets a \$21 a week minimum wage, provides for vacations of one week after six months' service, two weeks after a year, three weeks after five years.

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## Federal Prosecution on Ga. Peonage Indicated

Asst. U. S. District Attorney Confers With Committee to Abolish Peonage; Preparations for Trial in Chicago Court Looms After Parley

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Prosecution in Chicago of three Oglethorpe County, Georgia residents and a Cook County, Illinois, deputy sheriff for attempting to return three Negroes to peonage was indicated this week by Assistant U. S. District Attorney John A. Looby, Jr., in a conference with representatives of the Abolish Peonage Committee of the International Labor Defense.

The four prospective defendants are W. T. Cunningham, wealthy owner of Sandy Cross plantation in Oglethorpe County; Deputy Sheriff John Paul and Attorney Hamilton McWhorter, of Lexington, Georgia; and Deputy Sheriff Patrick Keenan, of Chicago. Complainants are Otis and Doc Woods, Solomon McCannan and Ed Raines—all escaped refugees from Oglethorpe County.

Raines was arrested and thrown in a Chicago jail without charges at the same time that the Georgians came to Chicago and with the aid of Keenan, tried to extradite the other three Negroes on trumped-up charges of burglary.

Material regarding the Chicago activities of Cunningham and his associates have been turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a final check-up "preparatory to prosecution," U. S. Prosecutor Looby told the committee delegation.

## Spanish Aid Committee Calls Emergency Rally

A special emergency mass meeting by the Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign was announced yesterday for Friday, March 1, at Webster Hall, 11th St. off Third Ave.

The purpose of the meeting will be to further the rescue ship campaign for Spanish refugees in France; to protest the closing of the offices of SERE in Paris by the Daladier government; and to hear reports from American delegates to the Continental Conference to Aid Spanish Refugees which closed in Mexico City on Sunday.

The closing offices of SERE, the refugee relief organization abroad which was established by Juan Negrin and other leaders of the Spanish Republic, has seriously endangered the possibility of removing 5,000 refugees immediately, 2,000 of whom were due to proceed to Santo Domingo and 3,000 to Chile.



**SPRING silhouettes:** Newest of all silhouettes shown at the recent fashion openings, is that with the bloused bodice and slim skirt. This type is sponsored by the best designers although a variation on this type is the bloused bodice, with dollman sleeves and slim skirt.

There are still a variety of full skirts, however, ranging from the gently flared to the very full. Bodices accompanying these are fitted and the waistline definitely placed. Out-and-out slim silhouettes are shown most often in suits and in dinner dresses.

Some waistlines are low, but so far this is just a tendency and not a universal style.

And hips, by means of peplums, pockets and drapes, are accented by several designers. Shoulders on the whole are accented, but not exaggerated, although a few designers show a few natural shoulders, too.

See how these fashion hints fit into your wardrobe. If you are buying a new dress this spring, first see how it fits into your general wardrobe. Don't buy anything that

is so extreme that you need new accessories, unless you can afford it. Try and get a new color scheme for the color of things every now and then.

## It's All In The Coiffure



Ann Sheridan shows just how much difference a coiffure makes. Left, her hair is drawn up from the hairline in two neat rolls, the back worn in another smooth, tight roll—the effect, simple yet sophisticated. Right, a cluster of sculptured curls cover the top of the head, a semi-circular under-roll comes down to the shoulders in back—the effect is formal as well as fancy.



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## Decisions in the Interest Of the People

The two-day meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party revealed the Party as more unbearably united than ever before.

In addition to the decision to hold a presidential nominating convention in New York on May 30, the National Committee adopted a number of other resolutions of major importance to labor and the people from one end of the country to the other. Among these were resolutions on the struggle for peace and social security, on the organization of the unorganized, extension of the trade union movement, passage of the anti-lynching bill and defense of civil rights.

Within the next few days, the Daily Worker will start publishing Earl Browder's report to the meeting and the resolutions. Every reader will want to possess and study these documents and secure additional copies for his friends.

## England to Norway: "Die for Us!"

On Jan. 20 Winston Churchill, speaking for the British War Office, made a speech in which, in a puffed-up manner, he sort of made himself the generous "protector" of Norway and Sweden. He tried to give the impression that Scandinavia was menaced from the outside, and that Britain would be the Big Brother.

The raid by British warships into Norway's waters has punctured this pose. It is obvious from the official statements of the Norwegian Government that Norway feels its independence and security seriously menaced by the British Empire.

In this, Norway is but going through the usual experience of nations in which Britain suddenly takes a "friendly" interest; they soon feel the chains tightening around their throats.

In this particular case, England is making open efforts to drive Norway into war despite the plain fact that the Norwegian people have no desire to get into the Anglo-German rivalry.

Britain is waging war against its imperial rival, Germany, over which shall have the lion's share of colonial markets and profits, Britain wants to shove Norway into this quarrel, to use Norway as a club against its rival. British imperialism always likes to use the blood of other peoples to defend its rotten privileges.

The Hearst Mirror puts it bluntly: "You better get in," was the warning in effect that England's Churchill gave the neutral European nations who were still trying to stay out of the war. . . . Churchill gave Norway a push a few steps closer to 'getting in.' (Feb. 19.)

At the same time, Britain hopes to turn Norway and Sweden into a battlefield for its anti-Soviet conspiracy "whether they like it or not," as the British journalist, Augur, wrote recently. (New York Times.)

In short, England stands forth as a ruthless aggressor, bullying the small neutral nations, menacing their independence and their peace.

The mask of the "protector" falls off. It reveals the blood-stained visage of British imperialism as it plots to shed mankind's blood for its own hoarded loot.

## Endangering Right To Strike

For a long time the open-shoppers have been howling for some kind of arbitration or mediation scheme to curtail the right to strike and give them an upper hand in their drive against wages and collective bargaining.

With this for a background, the introduction of a mediation bill by Senator Wagner will immediately create widespread suspicion in the ranks of labor. While Wagner's bill is for voluntary mediation, it is clear that it would prove an entering wedge for the compulsory mediation and compulsory arbitration schemes which are being hatched.

It is not surprising that Senator Wagner has been picked to sponsor this bill. In all fields, the Administration is trying to exploit its former sponsorship of social and labor measures to hide the fact that it is now leading the attack on the unions and the people in general. The author of the Labor Act has swung along with this betrayal by New Deal circles. That was plain earlier when he agreed to scuttle his health bill and when the Senate Finance Committee, of which he is chairman, approved the war loan to Mannerheim.

In the days when he was defending the Labor Act from attacks of "one-sidedness," Wagner used to reply that the drive against collective bargaining was itself a one-sided

attack and that the measure was designed to stop this drive. This remains as true today as it was then. The key to the orderly negotiation of labor disputes, lies in having strong unions and in compelling the employer to deal with them.

What is needed today is the real enforcement of the Wagner Labor Act. The amendments proposed by the CIO to penalize violators of the act with criminal punishment and to prevent the government from awarding them fat contracts, would go a long way in this direction. But to start curtailing labor's right to strike would only result in more arrogance, violence and law-violation on the part of the big employers.

The right to strike is a sacred one. Labor cannot afford to have it tampered with in the slightest degree—especially in these days when the handcuffing of the labor movement is an essential part of the war plans of American capitalism and the administration.

## Millionaires on Top—Jobless Americans at the Bottom

The unemployment and misery of 10 million needy Americans and the swinish opulence of a few Wall Streeters at the top were sharply brought out yesterday in an official WPA report and in a release from the U. S. Treasury.

Treasury figures showed that millionaire incomes rose to 55 in 1938, an increase of six over 1937. Meanwhile, tax liability for these fatted monopolists has decreased, for President Roosevelt has made peace with them in the interest of war, and they can continue to cheat on taxes.

Simultaneously, WPA Administrator Col. Somervell in New York, released a report openly bragging about WPA cuts, and praising the Woodrum bill which half-wrecked the federal work-relief program. He enjoys the fact that thousands were thrown out of work by the Woodrum bill (which also made hash out of the prevailing wage scale) because that helps him keep books better and steps up "efficiency."

That's cold-blooded bureaucracy with a vengeance, with never a care for the needy Americans who are victims. Efficiency—what is this but the speed-up, the man-killing bed-fellow of war economy! Somervell's brass-hat callousness is but the expression the Roosevelt war-hunger budget which is playing havoc with every day-to-day want of the American people.

As the Workers' Alliance points out the "American people are weary of a depression which seems endless." That is why the Alliance call for a National End-Unemployment Day on March 23, will receive the wholehearted support of the jobless and millions of other workers facing insecurity. The fight against the war plans of Wall Street and the Roosevelt Administration requires full support to the Alliance battle for jobs.

## Labor Moves Forward

The movement for independent political action grows.

A Legislative Conference in the McKeesport, Pa., steel district has just examined the possibility of supporting Democratic Party candidates for the Fall Congressional Election. It came to the conclusion that no Democratic primary candidates would be able to "completely endorse both the CIO legislative program and the Democratic Party at the same time" and therefore decided to place its own independent candidate in the field. The Republican Party, of course, was not even considered in this district.

At the same time, the conference made a noteworthy move in approving the position of John L. Lewis at the UMWA convention and in urging him to "take whatever steps you may consider necessary to form a national third-party ticket to the end that organized labor will have a candidate and a platform which it can support with reservation in the coming elections."

The decisions of the Legislative Conference in this 31st Congressional District are an indication of the constructive thinking and discussion on political action now going on throughout wide sections of the American labor movement.

## The People's Tribute To William Gropper

The tribute paid William Gropper at Mecca Temple Saturday night was a testimonial not only to a world-famous revolutionary artist but to the working class movement which nurtured him and brought his great talents to brilliant fruition.

Four thousand "plain people" came to honor Gropper. The source and soil from which all art springs is the people.

Equally gifted as painter and cartoonist, Gropper has won millions of admirers in America and in other countries as well by his trenchant portrayal of the world in which we live—that world which Gropper is seeking to change.

Gropper is a master craftsman. His activity as a fighting artist makes ludicrous the pitiful claims of the "ivory tower" school that a deep and passionate interest in the day-to-day struggles of the people is inconsistent with "real art." Gropper's cartoons in the Daily Worker, Morning Freiheit, and New Masses deliver body blows to the capitalist class and their agents. At the same time his paintings hang in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and in other galleries of the country.

Gropper's great services eminently entitle him to be called a "People's Artist."

## 'Come On In, the Blood's Fine' by Ellis



### An Editorial

## MR. HORE-BELISHA HAD HOPED TO STAB LENINGRAD

As plainly as language can state it, Mr. Hore-Belisha of England says in effect in a sensational article in London, "We should have attacked the USSR through Finland and seized Leningrad."

He makes no bones about the British plan today. He writes: "Leningrad is within fifty miles of the Mannerheim line. . . . A blow struck against Leningrad might well leave Germany with a Soviet corpse on her hands."

This article by the recent War Minister of England, published in the London "News of the World" passed the approving scrutiny of Chamberlain and Churchill.

It is the naked confession of guilt. It is the complete vindication, if any were needed, of the Soviet policy as a policy of defense against criminally plotted aggression.

British money and British engineers built the Mannerheim line of fortresses, among the biggest in the whole world, for the purpose of suddenly stabbing Leningrad in the North while the Soviet Union was assailed through the Near East (Turkey, Persia, etc.).

At every step, British policy has been to let loose an avalanche of world-wide aggression against the USSR. The Soviet Union has been surrounded by imperialist aggression day and night, either covert or open.

Finland was to have been an open door for British war against Leningrad. That is exactly why in December Mannerheim began his cynical aggressions against the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union stopped this aggression. It closed the door which Chamberlain wanted to keep open.

A leading British military authority, Major General J. F. Fuller cynically discloses that the central aim of British policy in its present war is to come to terms with Germany against the enemy—"who today is Germany but who tomorrow obviously may be Russia." (Army Ordnance Journal, February.)

It is thus clear that Mannerheim's Finland has been brutally used as a puppet for British conspiracy, that the Soviet Union is liberating that country from the machinations of London and Wall Street financiers who have trampled on its independence, that the Terijoki Government is the only true government of the Finnish workers and peasants, the majority of the nation.

The justice and right of the Soviet Union's self-defense, and its liberation of Finland from British intrigue shines forth even brighter in view of the latest Hore-Belisha and Fuller confessions.

## Letters from Our Readers

### Wants Dalton Trumbo Feature in Pamphlet Form

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It is possible to publish the feature by Dalton Trumbo, which appeared in last week's Sunday Worker, say in a two-page pamphlet entitled, "We Must Say, 'War Shall Not Come!'" I feel the article is precise and simple and that it hits hard and accurately.

Stuyvesant Y.C.L.

B. B.

### Get The Truth in The Daily Worker, Instead Of Fakes in The Capitalist Press, Writes Finnish Woman

McKees Rock, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Here is a copy of a letter I received from a Finnish housewife living in Pittsburgh:

"Dear —

"You can get a true answer in the Daily Worker which sells at any newspaper counter downtown in Pittsburgh. Read it and you won't have to ask the capitalist press for a fake answer."

"I have my folks in Finland and we could hardly wait for our comrades to come to our aid. We we so oppressed under the capitalist Finnish Administration."

"The capitalists gave Hitler all the power to go toward the Soviet Union, the land where the workers don't dream only of eating a good dinner, as we have to here."

"All the papers lie and put hatred against the Soviet Union. But I see with my own eyes and know the only truth I read is in the Daily Worker. Read it and convince yourself."

"According to the press on the Finnish-Russian news, all the Russians would be wiped out in six months. All lies."

"I got a letter from home through Russia, so that

can give you an idea. The people living in the Soviet Union have all the privileges of that Government."

The Soviet Union isn't going to let no fascist squeeze us like they did to Czechoslovakia. If all the workers were to unite this would be a better world to live in.

"The capitalists stick together. United States capitalists have factories all over Europe. This is a cock-eyed world. Join the workers' ranks and don't let the capitalists answer your questions. You can answer them yourself by reading the Daily Worker."

FINNISH HOUSEWIFE.

### British Economic Intrigue Has Devastating Effect on Tolling Population of Farm Belt

North Carolina.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The significance of the British embargo on imports of American bright leaf tobacco has been alighted by the capitalist press and not fully realized by the Daily Worker. The embargo is another example of British imperialist economic pressure on neutrals to bind them closer to the Allied war machine; and its effect on the exploited farmers, sharecroppers and laborers of the bright leaf tobacco belt will be devastating.

Normally, England buys 60 per cent of the American bright leaf tobacco crop, but to bribe the Turkish imperialists to fall in line with the Allied war plans in the Balkans and the Near East, the Chamberlain government thinks nothing of ruining the tobacco export trade of the United States and the thousands of poor farmers and laborers who depend upon it for their living.

With 15 to 20 per cent of the tenant farmers in the tobacco belt being evicted because of acreage reductions under the 1940 crop control plan, the embargo has made a bad situation unbearable. With no prospect of a price for this year's tobacco crop which will equal the cost of its production, millions of people who live in the tobacco belt face economic ruin. And thousands of evicted tenant farmers face actual starvation. Many of these tenants have farmed continuously for ten, twenty or thirty years, but now they are penni-

## Rose, Dubinsky, et al Try Another Fast One On ALP Rank & File

By Ben Davis, Jr.

Messrs. Rose, Dubinsky, Waldman, Antonini, et al, insist upon acting as campaign managers for the progressive rank and file of the American Labor Party who are trying to get control of their own political organization.

Every time this little clique of war-mongers and red-baiters open their mouths or take any action, they give additional proof why they ought to be out of power. But, of course, they're making spectacles of themselves to hold on to their power, not to relinquish it.

Their latest antic is the setting up of a special committee headed by one of those Antonini-Socialists named Paul Blanchard. The purpose of this committee is to "fight the Communists" whom they say is trying to get "control" of the ALP. Quite a lie. Nevertheless this is their big political issue for the April 2 primaries, in which the progressive membership of the Party, led by Morris Watson, seeks to reclaim the ALP for democracy.

It was always thought that Socialists—if they were worthy of the name—were supposed to fight for labor, for housing, for civil rights for the economic and political needs of the people. But, as we see, this special brand of Norman Thomas "Socialist" is fighting the Communists who happen to be the most tireless fighters for the interests of the people. It is so apparent that the ALP leaders are miles away from considering the best interests of labor—for which the Party was formed primarily—that it isn't even worthwhile to follow that line of argument.

The explanation of these red-baiting capers has to be found in the policy of the Rose cabal in recent months. They tried their best to wreck the ALP last Fall, when they sought to read everybody out of the Party who wanted peace. They followed subsequently with a red-baiting drive against 99 other members of the Party to get rid of them.

This new committee is nothing, more nor less, than a continuation of the line to keep the Rose clique in power and to continue the persecution of all rank and file members who challenge the Rose dictatorship. It is an attack upon the Bill of Rights, worthy of Dies—who seems to be their patron saint—and it might even compete with the "foreign agent" subversion of the Roosevelt Administration.

These gentlemen have brought the ALP to a sorry state of affairs. In order to accomplish their aims, they deal in intrigue, factionalism, unprincipledness and are beginning to rival the exploits of the notorious Trotskyites and Lovestonites.

It seems that the only thing they can get together on is whooping it up for war, red-baiting and on trying to subdue the rank and file's fight for peace and security. In addition to being a faction as a bunch, each one of them is threatening to become a faction within himself.

Just the other day Louis Waldman—the Social-Democrat whose name is mud among labor and progressives—attacked Rose as being a Communist, or as siding Communists. So it seems that arch-red baiter Waldman, is going to give arch-red baiter Rose a dose of his own medicine. If this isn't bankruptcy there is no such thing. Or maybe the gentlemen want something to play with—and are eyeing each other's heads.

It was inevitable that the Rose-Antonini gang would come to such a pass, and soon as chose the path of diverting the ALP from its original purpose. The party was established for the purpose of fighting the reactionary red-baiters who attack the trade unions and who seek to beat down the living standards of the public. That is why it gained the support of labor progressives and the democratic voters. It was born out of the desire of labor and progressives for independent political action. Its purpose was to unite labor and progressives of all faiths, race, and political opinion including the Communists. Its program was one of labor's rights and the people's social welfare, against reaction. That program is even more urgent now and it is centered around the struggle for peace.

But this is the moment when the Rose-Dubinsky-Waldman clique have chosen to run out on the original purpose of the ALP, just as President Roosevelt has run out on the New Deal and the cause of peace. All the troubles this gang has inflicted upon the ALP membership are due to this fact.

It seems, however, that the day of reckoning is coming. The ALP rank and file led by Morris Watson, are preparing for the April 2 primaries when the membership will have an opportunity to win a victory for democracy, peace and civil liberties in their Party. It is clear that Rose-Dubinsky and the others are pretty red-hot angry over the prospect. But then there is a not inappropriate saying that "whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad."

## Capitalist Humanitarians Have Discarded Their Sheep's Clothing

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Roosevelt's transformation has taken place with extraordinary rapidity. Just as the decay of the capitalist system has taken on an uncontrollable momentum so have the capitalist humanitarians discarded their sheep's clothing.

Gone are the enchanting words of hope and consideration for the downtrodden one-third of a nation which Roosevelt and New Dealers voiced. Instead we find men who sneer and threaten and who promise nothing but ruthless defense of that which threatens to destroy us.

Roosevelt has now moved into line with Hoover.

J. G.



## A Movie Sock in the Jaw That's Different

By Lester Rodney

CLIFF TAYLOR, out of Sing Sing on a year's parole and desperately in need of a job to stay right with the authorities and help his mother and kid brother, walks into the office of a big industrial plant to which he has been recommended. A powerful looking man arises and greets him.

"You want a job, eh?"

"Yes, sir, very badly," says Cliff anxiously. "But I have to tell you I'm a parolee."

"That's O. K.," says the boss. "I can use you."

Cliff's face lights up. A job means a lot to him.

"We've been having a little trouble with the men out there," continues the boss. "Something that cut the speedup. Now I'll place you out there and you just keep close contact with the office here."

Cliff's eyes narrow. "You mean you want me to be a stool pigeon? Is that it?"

"Oh, I wouldn't put it exactly that way," starts the boss. Cliff takes a quick step forward, knocks him over backwards with a beautiful right to the jaw, turns and walks out briskly as the audience breaks into spontaneous applause.

It's in a moving picture called "Invisible Stripes" now playing around locally, and Cliff Taylor is George Raft. It's no "Grapes of Wrath" by a long shot, and won't be found in any list of Best Ten or even Best Fifty pictures of the year, but you don't see many such scenes on labor spying coming out of Hollywood now, do you? That's why that ringing and eloquent sock on the jaw jolted me and most of the working class audience in the theatre up on our seats and disengaged many a romantically entwined arm hastily for vigorous applause.

Nor is that the only thing about this unheralded film with the just-another-Jail-Break title to break away from the formula and hit a few real notes.

There's Cliff Taylor's kid brother, an earnest, talented young mechanic played amazingly well by the youngster who started out so promisingly in "Golden Boy," William Holden. He has a girl and they've been in love for two years and want to get married. But as the kid protests bitterly to older brother Cliff.

### Youth Yearns For Better Things

"I make \$20 a week now and what'll happen if I work hard and advance myself the next twenty years. I'll be making \$30 a week when I'm forty—if I'm lucky!"

Whereupon Cliff, who doesn't know too much about what it's all

about himself, but is concerned lest the kid get desperate and turn to crime as he had, tells him vaguely to take it easy, to stick to it and try his best to get ahead.

"Yeah," smiles the kid brother sardonically. "You just show me sometimes where that rag to riches stuff works. That's hokey." He paces the floor struggling for expression. "You gotta fight back!" But he doesn't know how to fight back and there's no Communist in the picture to tell him. The picture isn't that good. There are some more meaty scenes with the kid brother that draw a response from an audience that recognizes their authenticity. Resentment, at the gaudy and callous display of the millionaires in the midst of poverty, yearnings for better things that could be won honestly with head high, the false wracking strain placed on normal family ties by fear and insecurity, the feeling of being dispossessed, out of things and the wondering how to fight it.

About two-thirds of the way through "Invisible Stripes" is wrapped up with a sign and delivered for Hollywood with a hall of gangster bullets and a pat artificial ending that leaves all the real questions it so eloquently raised unanswered.

But have a look at it anyhow. You'll get a great kick out of seeing a labor hating boss being clouted smack on the bulb by a guy who didn't know what it was all about but would rather go jobless and risk going to hated jail than spy on his working class brothers.

### Cagney Plays in Trumbo Story on the Radio

Arch Oboler, radio's most prolific original writer of quality shows, knows a good story when he sees it. Some months ago, Oboler asked permission of Dalton Trumbo to dramatize the latter's powerful anti-war novel, "Johnny Got His Gun." Recently, the American Bookellers Association awarded Trumbo the prize for "the most original book of the year, 1939."

So on Saturday, March 9, over WEAF-NBC at 8 P.M. EST, radio's most original writer will bring the year's most original book to the air with James Cagney playing the lead.

Swing Session on American Music Festival, WNYC, at 6

## Negroes Barred From Hollywood Jobs, Slandered in Its Films

### Race Prejudice Is Fanned in Many Movie Productions

This is the second of a series of articles by David Platt on the general subject of "The Negro and the Hollywood Film."

By David Platt

In the overwhelming majority of cases, Hollywood plays up the worst characteristics of the Negroes. And we get the Stepin Fetchit clown; the "Mammies" and "Big Sams" who refuse to be freed by Abraham Lincoln and look with disgust upon their emancipated brothers and sisters; the convicts in the death house who are so tough they sing spirituals before they are electrocuted for what crime we are not told; we get the stableboys who live, eat and begin to look like horses on the Confederate Colonel's plantation; the African who runs from the Jaguar while his white employer stands his distance and slaughters the animal; the scary guy who trembles before a white sheet; the savage who rapes white women.

### Symphony of Hate and Ridicule

To make the Negro appear ridiculous, wrote Harry Alan Potamkin in his pamphlet "Eyes of the Movie," "he is put into all sorts of situations that are out of keeping with the particular film. A documentation of a polar voyage intrudes a Negro to be frightened by a bear tightly bound. The animated cartoon contains 'black' animals personified individually. The newsreels have shown Negro boys in battle royals and grease-pole fights, degrading sports for the amusement of the guffawing old-line politicians. They have relished the demonstrations of frenzied baptism, which are as common, certainly, among the southern whites as among the Negroes. But white baptisms are not shown on the screen." In the film "Africa Speaks" the producers have the audacity to stage a butchery of a Negro lad by a raging beast. The scene is a fake, of course, but the important thing is that a Negro and not a white boy was chosen for this role. Under no circumstances would the censors have permitted the producers to use a white boy for this purpose. Says Potamkin: "Lions roar and white men boldly face the beasts with cameras. Negroes dive into a cave and hide. A goateed white remarks upon the Negro: 'He is tired, lazy tired.'"

It is impossible to estimate the amount of harm and injustice done the Negro through such slanderous characterizations of his race on the screen. Prejudice does not come of itself. It is deliberately and carefully fostered by those who seek to divide Negro and white and rule both. They have found no better medium for spreading this poison than the films. Bruno Lasker, author of "Race Attitudes in Children," once gave a concrete example of how the screen spreads race prejudice. A few years ago the film "Foreign Devils" played in Raleigh, N. C. It was the story of the Boxer Rebellion in China in 1900 from the viewpoint of the invaders. (Think of it! The Chinese actually dared attempt to rid their own land of foreign parasites. For that they were massacred and the film defended the butchers.) The day after the Raleigh opening a Sunday school teacher was telling her class that children of all nations are offspring of a common father. One child responded: "I saw a movie last night and the Chinese are terrible people."

### Experience with "Trader Horn"

Lasker also cites the case of a college student who because of the vicious films he saw as a girl still associates Chinese laundries with opium dens and the underworld. Loren Miller, the Negro author, once reported in the magazine "Crisis" on an experience he had with the M-G-M film "Trader Horn" at a Negro movie house. The film was the usual Hollywood treatment of a beautiful blonde in the clutches of savage Africans. Said Loren: "In typical Hollywood thriller style the girl is saved just as all hope is ebbing away. At this particular showing the audience of Negroes burst into wild applause when the rescue scene flashed on the screen. I looked around. Those who were applauding were ordinary Negro working people and middle class folk. Hollywood movie makers had made the film so commonplace and glorious that it seemed quite natural for white virtue to triumph over black vice."

However the classic example of how the screen creates race prejudice is furnished by Ruth Peterson and J. L. Thurstone, authors of "Motion Pictures and the Social Attitude of Children." They set out to test the effect of a dangerous anti-Negro motion picture upon children. They chose for their experiment a little town called "Crys-



In this scene from "Prisoner of Shark Island," Warner Baxter as a Confederate sympathizer is warning Negroes against "carpetbaggers" from the North, and the "carpetbagger" is hauled down from the platform.

tal Lake" in Illinois which had a population of 5,700 whites and not a single Negro. According to the authorities very few children in the town had ever known or even seen a Negro.

### Test Brings Interesting Results

The first test given to a group of 434 children showed a pronounced liberality toward the Negro race. Only a small proportion betrayed prejudice by agreeing with such statements as "the white race must be kept pure at all costs even if it meant killing off all Negroes," or "the Negro should be considered the lowest class among human beings." On the contrary, the pupils gave their endorsement to the propositions: "I believe the Negro deserves the same social privileges as the white man" or "by nature the Negro and white are equal." The next step was to show them "Birth

of a Nation," an example of anti-Negro propaganda at its worst. The day following the showing the children were again tested on their attitude toward the Negro race. The results were startling. The record showed a decided shift against the prejudice. A shift of almost 100 per cent — and the prejudice incultured by "Birth of a Nation" persisted even after eight months. It was quite plain to the authors of the experiment that this tremendous change in feeling toward the Negro people was caused by the motion picture. Multiply this situation ten thousand times and you have the mass harmful effect of films like "Birth of a Nation" and "Gone with the Wind."

### Treatment of Negro Disgraceful

Hollywood has treated the Negro shamefully, playing up only those characters who bring comfort and

relief to the exploiters. The Negro working man or professional is totally ignored. There is absolutely no reason for this says Jesse A. Graves, Negro officer of the Screen Actors Guild. "The Negro should be presented to the world in a more favorable light. Never in history has a large number of people assembled nor a street scene where there wasn't some Negroes present. We are entitled to more employment and realism in pictures. Not just some far-fetched ideas thrust upon the American people. We spend enough money to warrant employment of colored actors in all pictures and many should be stars. I cannot recall any historical movement or any economic endeavor that has affected the entire nation that didn't affect the American Negro."

### TOMORROW — "The Negroes' Great Contributions and Hollywood's lost opportunities."

## 'Overture to Glory' Has Good Songs, Dubious Plot

OVERTURE TO GLORY, an all-talking Jewish film directed by Max Nosseck, featuring Moishe Oysher. At the Cameo, English titles.

Moishe Oysher, who is best known as the "singing blacksmith," is the major attraction in the new Jewish film "Overture to Glory." He sings enough Hebrew chants and operatic arias to satisfy his most ardent admirers and sings them excellently. The film does not come up to "Singing

Blacksmith" but it has the finest recording of Oysher's voice.

As a production "Overture to Glory" is an eye-filler. It is well directed by Max Nosseck and Olshansky's score is a highlight. The acting is fine. Helen Beverly, the blind girl in "Die Kiltische," has regained her sight in "Overture to Glory" and Florence Weiss, Maurice Krohn, Lazar Feld, Benjamin Fishbein, Jack Munn and Luba Wesely lend competent support.

Moishe Oysher is worth hearing anytime, but the philosophy behind the story by Ossip Dymow is a questionable one. It develops the thought that it is better for the Jew to remain isolated in ignorance than to go out into the world, mingle with the best of culture and to develop his talents. That if he does not heed the wishes of his elders and stop dreaming of the life beyond Vilna, he will be severely punished.

Moishe Oysher is Joel David Strashinsky, a talented Vilna cantor, son of deeply religious Jews. His voice comes to the attention of the famous Polish composer Moniuszko who acquiesces the young musician with a whole new world of Beethoven, Chopin, the opera, Strashinsky begins to think and to see that his life is limited. He asks himself why his voice should be confined to the synagogue when the whole world should hear his message in music. Strashinsky struggles for an answer. Shall he accept Moniuszko's offer to sing the leading role in his new opera "Halka" and leave his home, his family, and his synagogue? Or shall he abide by his elders and remain a cantor, true to his faith? Strashinsky chooses Warsaw. At the same time he remains true to his people. Nevertheless he has done wrong by leaving home and God takes his son as punishment. On the opening night Strashinsky's father appears and the singer collapses on the stage. His voice has gone forever. Strashinsky finds his way back to Vilna on the Day of Atonement and dies heartbroken in the arms of the rabbi.

### Steinbeck in Demand

The Hammond, Indiana, public library reports that it has a waiting list of 2,465 adult readers who wish to borrow John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." An unsuccessful attempt was made recently to ban this book from the Hammond library shelves.

philosophy does not credit to the Jewish people.

Ossip Dymow does not have to be told of the real struggle that usually followed a Polish Jew's determination to try for a position in the outside musical world. This would make a truthful story and I hope that some day Ludwig Landy and Ira Green, the Executive Producers of "Overture to Glory" will show that struggle in a film featuring Moishe Oysher.—D. P.

### Music Notes

(Free Concerts)

Composers Forum-Laboratory—Room 213, N. Y. Public Library, 415th Avenue and 42nd St., Manhattan, 8:30 P.M., works of Vladimir Dukelsky ("Capriccio Mexicano" for violin and piano, nine songs and trio); and Rebecca Clarke (sonata for violin and piano, and "Midsummer Moon" for violin and piano).

THURSDAY—FEBRUARY 22

Gramercy Chamber Trio—Richard Gordon, conductor, West Side Branch YMCA, 8 West 42d St., Manhattan, 8:30 P.M.

Colonial Dance Orchestra—Wilson Kyer, leader, Gramercy Play Center, 19th St. and 25th Ave., Astoria, Queens, 8 P.M.

Knickerbocker Dance Orchestra—Philip Reifer, leader, Dominick Cavallini Center, 224 West 63d St., Manhattan, 8 P.M.

Negro Melody Singers—Glyde Turner, conductor, Seamen's House YMCA, 358 W. 26th St., Manhattan, 8 P.M.

Gramercy Chamber Trio—Richard Gordon, conductor, Navy YMCA, 181 Sands St., Brooklyn, 8 P.M.

FRIDAY—FEBRUARY 23

Capitol Dance Orchestra—Arthur Nydell, leader, University Settlement, 184 Eldridge St., Manhattan, 8 P.M.

Colonial Dance Orchestra—Wilson Kyer, leader, Ford Horton Center, 13 West 108th St., Manhattan, 8 P.M.

Fulton Dance Orchestra—Vincent Romano, leader, Astoria Play Center, 19th St. and 25th Ave., Astoria, Queens, 8 P.M.

Knickerbocker Dance Orchestra—Philip Reifer, leader, Dominick Cavallini Center, 224 West 63d St., Manhattan, 8 P.M.

Neighborhood Band—Gerardo Insall, conductor, Grand Street Settlement, 283 Livingston St., Manhattan, 8 P.M.

Negro Melody Singers—Glyde Turner, conductor, Seamen's House YMCA, 358 W. 26th St., Manhattan, 8 P.M.

## Anna Sokolow, Alex North in Joint Recital

An interested audience awaited the appearance of Anna Sokolow, just returned from a nine-month stay in Mexico, in the joint recital of dance and music at the Kaufman Auditorium of the 92nd St. Y.M.H.A. Sunday afternoon.

Miss Sokolow, one of the best known of the modern young dancers, performed six numbers, five of which are familiar to her admirers. The sixth consisted of a series of short sketches entitled, "Songs for Children."

Miss Sokolow danced to poems by the Spanish poet, the late Garcia Lorca, which were set to music by Sylvester Revueltas. Although the words were not translated anywhere on the program—so that unless one knew Spanish—the relation of the words to the dancing was not apparent. However, the mood was communicated to the audience by the fine singing of Estelle Hoffman and the melody of the songs. The titles had a poignant character: "The Little Horse," "At One O'clock the Moon Comes Out," "Song of the Foolish Child," "The Cradle Song" and others. These were charming numbers whose dance phrases, however, were always reminiscent of Miss Sokolow's other dances. There were moments of deftness, lightness and humor. In the short sketch called "Cradle Song" the movement was too gymnastic and did not catch the quietness and tenderness of a mother putting her child to sleep.

Dorothy Bird and William Bayles performed during the second half of the program when the musical compositions of the gifted young composer, Alex North, were presented. Miss Bird moves beautifully, is fresh and vital. The dance called "Mooch Motif" was smoothly performed by both dancers.

"Nocturne," a song about a homeless, lonely young girl, sung by Beatrice Kay and danced by Dorothy Bird was a poignant, effective number. The music of Alex North is a valuable contribution to the modern dance field.—S. R.

### Art Symposium

Following the first symposium last week at the Museum of Modern Art on the question of "Is American Art Menaced by 'Alien' Trends?" the American Artists' Congress is holding the second symposium at the Museum of Modern Art on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 8:30 P. M. on the subject, "What Is the American Tradition?" It was announced by Arthur Emptage, Executive Secretary, today.

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## Gropper Tribute Brings Crowds to His Exhibit

By Oliver F. Mason

Last Saturday night at Mecca Temple Bill Gropper received the reward he so richly deserved: a testimonial proclaiming that the people consider him one of their artists. It was a beautiful tribute and it touched him deeply. Though "it might have been any other artist on this platform" as he modestly remarked, it was exceedingly proper that he was the artist thus singled out that night.

There should, of course, be many more testimonial evenings for artists who deserve them, both for the sake of the artists and the audience. As a matter of fact there is no better way of enlarging the art audience than evenings of this nature. At the crowded A.C.A. Gallery where the Gropper exhibition is making art history, it was reported that on Sunday scores of visitors who had never been to an art gallery came to see Gropper's show because they were at the Mecca Temple and learned for the first time that "anybody can come to an art gallery."

### This Week Is Artists' Week

One of America's most interesting contemporary painters is having his first one-man show at the Downtown Gallery, 113 West 13th St. The artist is Julian Levi. Mr. Levi has been very active in the American Artists' Congress and in the American Artists' Group. His work is extraordinary in its fine rhythmic blending of technical knowledge and sensitive impulses.

This week is artists' week. The American Artists' Congress will hold its second and final symposium on American art on Wednesday evening at the Museum of Modern Art. The subject to be discussed will be, "What Is the American Tradition?" Holger Cahill, Jerome Klein and Lyn Ward will be among the speakers and Elizabeth McCausland will act as chairman. There is unusual interest in this symposium as the reactionary art critics are planning to use it as an excuse to attack the progressive art forces as subversive elements. . . . On Friday evening, Feb. 23, the Artists' Committee of the American Labor Party will hold a forum at the A. L. P. headquarters, 71 Fifth Ave. B. Diller will talk on "The Place of the Artist in the Modern World," and Miss Elizabeth McCausland will speak on "New Criteria for the Artist." Eugene P. Connolly, executive secretary of the A. L. P. will discuss the

problem of the artist from a political viewpoint. Harry Gottlieb will introduce the subject and act as chairman.

### Gottlieb's Exhibit Of Screen Prints

Art for the masses will soon be the subject of a very interesting exhibition. Harry Gottlieb's show of silk screen prints will open at the A.C.A. Gallery on March 3. This will be the first show of silk screen prints as a fine art medium. Lectures and demonstrations of the silk screen medium are planned for the occasion. . . . From London comes the following, which was printed in the New York Times: "In the cultural blackout could dimly be discerned two figures: the artist with no respect of selling his work and the culture traveling with the prospect of a dwindling ration of things to see."

### Openings During The Week

Exhibitions which opened this week included paintings by Samuel Brecher at the Hudson Walker Gallery. The Metropolitan Museum of Art recently acquired one of Brecher's paintings. Other openings were Walt Disney's drawings for Pinocchio at the Center Theatre, sculptural reliefs and drawings by Doris Casper at the Fifteenth Gallery, paintings by Paul Melanzer at the Midtown, sculpture by Eugenie Gershoy at the Robinson Gallery, paintings by Jean Charlot at the Bonestell, paintings by Morris Davidson at Charles Morgan's, and paintings and drawings by Walt Stiner at the Stiner Gallery. . . . Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade are planning an art auction to be held on March 10 for the benefit for the release of American Prisoners in Spain. A member of the committee said "it definitely will not be a blind auction." . . . A. Walkowitz, prominent artist, one of the organizers of the Independent Artists' Society and of the "1913 Armory Show" will be sixty this week.

### Tough Sledding for the New York Taxi Drivers

In the past few months, things have been especially tough for New York's taxi drivers. At no time is the lot of a hackman an easy one. You get hounded on the street by the cops, put in 12 to 14 hours filled with aggravation and wind up at the end of the week with 16 or 19 dollars.

That was tough enough before, but since the price of butter, milk, sugar, meat and other foodstuffs has been going up with the war—the wife is complaining more than ever. And who can blame her? She can't feed the family on Roosevelt's "My Friends."

We cab drivers have been hit right between the eyes by every move that the Roosevelt administration has made to help the big money boys prepare the United States for war. Today every garage in the city has a vicious "shape-up." The administration is taking millions away from WPA and pouring it into armaments.

Can you picture what the "shape-up" will be like when thousands of more men get the WPA pink slip? The Forgotten Man is out in the cold now. Roosevelt is warming up to big business instead.

Some of the boys had an idea that there might be some jobs

open in the munitions factories. Three drivers from Parmelee went up to Connecticut. When they got there a police chief was waiting at the terminal and told them that if they came for jobs they had better leave town. Thousands had already applied and they had hired ten men in the past two weeks. Instead of hiring, the men already working are being speeded up.

All in all, the cab drivers have been among the hardest hit by the drive towards war.

Space doesn't permit me to go into it now, but the cab drivers in England and France are taking one of the most vicious shelling since war was declared. The people ought to know about it. We'll tell you about it in our letter next week.

FARMELEE DRIVER

FILM FOR KEATON

Columbia Pictures has signed Buster Keaton for two more comedies to be released on the 1939-40 "all star" schedule. This will bring his season's total to four. Buster White will continue to direct Keaton, and at the same time supervise production.

THE MALE ANIMAL

By James Thurber and Elliott Nugent with ELLIOTT NUGENT

## Your Health

By Medical Advisory Board

Treatment of Bunions

R. S. Bronx, N. Y., writes: Could you tell me what are the latest findings as regards cure for bunions or is that impossible for a person like myself, age 34, a busy mother who has to be on her feet most of the time? Would you advise any special shoes like Scholl's who put out special bunions shoes? I have just about tried every other make on the market with little relief.

Answer: Bunions most often indicate some weak foot condition plus ill-fitting footwear. If the condition has not progressed too far then corrective exercises, proper footwear, or perhaps arches may remove the pain and distress though not the bunions, of course.

If the condition is so far gone that none of these measures are applicable, then operation may be indicated. Consult an orthopedic physician for this or the orthopedic clinic of any reputable hospital.

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# NO HOLDS BARRED

By STAN KURMAN

## Ex CCNY Ace "Learning How To Play Again" With Labor Team

It's a long haul from a night at Madison Square Garden in March '37 to last Saturday P.M. at Seward Park High School but everything fits in.

That's what you're thinking as you watch Office Worker Ace Goldstein playing with his union team against the Wholesalers in one of those hot labor tilts that's pulling 'em in week after week.

CCNY was scheduled to play NYU in the biggest of local traditionals that March night. The house has always been a sellout and that night was no exception.

Late in the afternoon, the Garden workers went out on strike but the management wasn't worried because all tickets for the game were sold anyhow.

Then along came the boys from CCNY. And from Coach Nat Holman all the way down to the water boy, that whole gang refused to pass through the picket line.

They went to a midtown hotel and stuck there until word came from the frantic management that the strike had been settled.

It was a great CCNY team but it lost that night. Though most fans went out thinking the Beavers had won.

And watching ace Goldstein playing labor ball tied up neatly. Ace was on that CCNY team and it was a natural shift for a guy who had been with the labor-conscious team to wind up doing his stuff for a union.

Ace didn't talk much except T.U.A.A. when you cornered him during the Furriers-Cleaners game and every time you switched around to something else, he'd bring you back.

"Do I like playing labor ball?" Ace grinned. "Say, I'm learning the game all over again."

That nearly knocked you off your seat. One of the chief cogs on a great college team, former pro star—learning to play the game? You check up on that one quick.

"Here's what I mean. These guys, are always in there trying. That old college spirit with a tougher and stronger touch of union spirit. In the pro game, you get used to taking it easy. Everyone takes it easy, just getting hot every so often and you get to do the same."

Ace stopped short to nudge you and point to big Eddie Stewart, rangy Negro ace of the Cleaners:

"Look at that guy go underneath. Terrifically strong. What a physical beating he gave me when we played 'em a couple of weeks ago."

Back to why he liked labor ball, Ace added:

"I've been getting used to that kind of a game and these boys here are teaching me how to play again. They haven't the class of the pros—although these boys have plenty of savvy—and they make more mistakes but they never let up for a minute."

We sit up to watch Earl Washington, smooth Negro floor-general of the Cleaners, drive in and set up a pretty play.

"That Negro boy is good enough to make any college team around. So are a lot of the others. I'm telling you this is real basketball."

Then you got Ace talking about the pro game and why it's never clicked as it should. He explained that the game needed plenty to go big-time. Chief point was that the fans miss the old college try.

Lou Spindell, CCNY star way back in the twenties came over and told Ace he looked O.K. for a guy who'd been in labor sports for only a month.

More seriously, Lou, a Teachers Union member, added that the games were surprisingly good.

Then you get Ace and Lou to talking about the old days and then before you knew it they were back to labor ball.

"Say you know the Office Workers are playing the Teachers Union at Manhattan Center Friday," Ace said. "You ought to give it a good plug."

Okey-doke. And say Lou, are you going to play? Good angle there.

"Well, I've retired," Lou grinned. "But I think I'll play for ten minutes or so. That's a good story for you. Goldstein against Spindell. Brother against brother. Bitter enemies on the court, but friends outside."

"Oh, yeah?" Ace retorted.

"Hey, we're both union men, aren't we," said Lou indignantly.

"O.K. That's different."

## Drug Clerks Beaten In Another Big Labor Court Upset

Upsets continue to mark the Trade Union A.A. basketball scene. The Drug Clerks of the Retail Employees League, conquerors last week of the vaunted Bloomingdale quintet, is the latest to fall at the hands of an inspired underdog, losing 36-29 to the last-place Sterns five at the Labor Sports Center Sunday night.

The defeat means a reprieve for

Bloomingdale and the Sport Clerks, moving them into a three-way tie for first. Bloomingdale will face the Sport Clerks this Wednesday night in a playoff of a postponed game, with one of the two slated to be removed from a challenging position.

Valadarez, Allen, and Berger, with 11, 9 and 8 points respectively, were the big guns for Sterns in that teams first, and momentous win, of the season. The Drug Clerks, with Berson scoring 10 points, were behind all game, trailing at the half, 16-13.

## WHAT'S ON

**RATES:** What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are 50¢ per line (6 words to a line—5 lines minimum).

**DEADLINE:** Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, 5 P.M. Friday.

### Coming

**HARRY MARTEL**, instructor in historical materialism at the Workers School, speaks on "The Intellectuals, the War and Communism," this Saturday, Feb. 24, 2:45 P.M., at Irving Plaza, East 15th St. and Irving Pl. Adm. 25c. Aup. Workers School, Philadelphia, Pa.

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## 'If Anybody's Gonna Beat N.Y.U. It'll Be St. Johns Tomorrow'

Redmen Given Good Chance in Chit-Chat at Ye Scribe's Luncheon to De Paul Mentor—Violets Best in Land, Says Bee

By Lester Rodney

There are an awful lot of basketball followers around this town who won't be too surprised if St. John's up-ends NYU's 15-game winning streak at the Garden tomorrow night.

That was about the main thing to come out of the

weekend gabfest at the basketball writers' luncheon to DePaul Coach Tom Haggerty yesterday. The mid-west team meets LIU in what shapes up as a humdinger on its own, but it's the chance of the late coming, revised Redmen upsetting the Violets that has the boys interested.

Haggerty caught a look at St. John's in Chicago on the night the Brooklyn boys murdered Loyola.

"I haven't seen NYU and I guess they're good," he said. "But that St. John's team was a great team. Garfinkle was every inch an All-American basketball player that night. And the sophomores (Gellen, Barnett and White) looked very good."

Lapchick admitted that the team was at its best now with the addition of Barnett and Gellen adding much more drive to the attack.

Fordham's Ed Keller said that the team to beat NYU would have to lick them off the backboard, and that St. John's is equipped with a much better type of backboard scraper than his Rams had.

Nat Holman said he had narrowed his team down to five or six boys who played together at last. They've won 4 of their last five, capped by the one point victory over Manhattan last Friday. He thinks Gerson will develop into a real star. "Any of the coaches in the country can still get down at the old masters' feet and imbibe some knowledge," whispered one of the scribes. "Imagine bringing that bunch of kids along to beat Fordham and Manhattan!"

### NEIL WANTS TO BET

Neil Cohalan said wryly that he had done even better than Holman, had narrowed his team down to two boys who played together. TWO boys who played together. Neil also weighed in with some thoughts on tomorrow night's games. He thought De Paul looked sensational out in Chicago when he caught them, and wanted to bet any one a nickel that St. Johns would beat N.Y.U. "A combination of a hunch and the feeling that they got the style that may do it," he said. His bet was taken quickly.

Clair Bee admitted that he was just as interested in the St. Johns—NYU game as his own team's tiff with De Paul. "NYU is the best team in the country and don't forget it. They're very confident now too. They feel like nobody can beat them and when a team feels like that it's tough. You've got to go out and press them. They'll have to be played tight for 40 minutes. Give 'em room and they'll bring the ceiling down around your neck."

"My bunch is due for a good game. I thought it was coming against Duquesne, but they're still standing out there in the middle of the court. Schectman is showing signs of life and when he's cutting for the basket he makes a difference in the attack."

And then he went back to some private discussion on the St. Johns—NYU thing, which has everybody intrigued. Incidentally Clair's two favorite ball players will be on opposing sides—Ben Auerbach and Jack Garfinkle. He'd like to borrow one of them to make his boys move more against De Paul.

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### On the Cinders:

## NYU Hopes to Upset Jaspers

Banks on MacMitchell, Herbert to Dump I.C. 4-A Champs

Manhattan, the only four-time winner in the 18-year history of the Indoor Interscholastic and the team defender, and NYU, last year's runnerup and keyed for success, this time, have nominated 41 and 37 men, respectively, for the I.C. 4-A track and field championships to be held at the Garden on March 2.

Their entries yesterday stressed the fact that the Jaspers and the Violet are generally picked to fight it out for the team championship again this year.

The entry disclosed that Leslie MacMitchell, brilliant 19-year-old NYU sophomore, is entered in the 1,000, mile, two-mile and two-mile relay. This is merely a formality in the event that Emil Von Elling changes his mind later on; actually MacMitchell will run the mile and double up by anchoring the two-mile relay, Von Elling said. This will be MacMitchell's first big mile race, and perhaps his only one of the indoor season, since he was taken ill on the day of the Millrose Meet.

Of last year's championship team Pete Waters, Manhattan coach, has Tom Garland, third in the hurdles; Joe Zeitler, second in the 800; George Sheehar, fifth in the 1,000; Andy Nelding, second in the two-mile (who may drop down to challenge his old school rival, MacMitchell, in the mile), and Artie Byrnes, champion and record-holder in the high jump, as well as many of the runners who scored a third and a fifth in the mile and two-mile relays last year.

Coach Von Elling has fewer 1939 scorers remaining—Danny Taylor, third in the shot, Jimmy Herbert, fourth in the 600, and most of the runners who swept both the mile and 2-mile relays. But MacMitchell adds considerable reinforcement for NYU's title bid, since he may figure in collecting eight to ten points in the mile and the relay. Von Elling has his mile relay team intact, and Herbert is back in winning form. He will run the 600 and anchor the mile relay as he has for two years.

### 1st Dodger Win of Year!

**PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 19 (UP).**—Wesley Ferrell, Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher, held permanent possession to the baseball golfers' trophy today. He defeated Jack Russell, former Cuba pitcher, 2 and 1 in the finals of the annual tournament yesterday.

### Riggs Cops Again

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 19 (UP).**—Bobby Riggs, National tennis champion from Chicago, held his fourth consecutive tennis championship of the winter swing—the South Atlantic singles—today. Riggs defeated Hal Surface of Kansas City, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3, in the finals yesterday.

## THE KINK IS DEAD!



LEO DUROCHER, whose rapidly acquiring the knack of getting the kinks out of his leg muscles. The guy on top is Arlie McGovern, New York trainer.

## Off the Backboard

About Johnny Geilen, the "Practice Player" Who's Doing It for St. Johns in The Games Now

The jump from high school and college freshman basketball to varsity competition is so great that many star players tighten up in their desire to continue their fine showings in their sophomore

years and become known as "practice" players. Such was the case of John Geilen, St. John's University soph forward, who gets his first Madison Square Garden starting assignment against New York University Wednesday night.

Geilen was the leading scorer of Jamaica High School for three years with averages of 10, 11, and 13 points in the three years he played there. He was chosen on the all-Queens team two of the three years he played. He tallied 243 points in 25 St. John's freshman games last season to outscore Jimmy White, his nearest competitor, by 120 points.

Coach Joe Lapchick had intended to use Geilen as a regular all season when in pre-season practice drills he outscored every player on the floor by eight or ten points every afternoon. But two or three days before games he had a tendency to tighten up and his scoring went haywire. Coach Lapchick wouldn't take a chance with him in the starting line-up and Jim White got the assignments.

Geilen was given plenty of work as a substitute, however, and midway through the season, he became more relaxed as the games approached. He started his first game against Hofstra and scored 15 points in the first half at which time the second and third stringers were put into the fray for the remainder of the game. He started again against Loyola and again against Bradley Tech on the midwestern trip. He scored seven points in 12 minutes and was benched with the first team when they had piled up a 39 to 14 lead against Loyola. He tallied ten points against Bradley Tech and Lapchick credits his scoring punch with the victory over the Braves.

So Geilen is no longer just a "practice" player with a tendency to tighten when varsity games approach. He is a regular starter

## Boston Bees Sure Shot --- For Second Division

Stengel Has to Do His Rebuilding With Boys From The Eastern League—Miller, West and Hassett Only Real Stars

(This is another of the Daily Worker series discussing the chances of the 16 big league clubs—NEXT: The Cleveland Indians.)

Casey Stengel is giving the advance contingent of Boston Bees the first dubious lookover this week and it looks as though he'd better resign himself to leading another second division club.

There are three really good ball players on the team that aren't going back. Eddie Miller is one of the two best shortstops in the league if he's completely over his broken ankle, and they say he is. Buddy Hassett is all the first baseman a team needs and Max West is not the most sought after young outfielder in the league for nothing. He's a power hitter who'll get better, though he'd enjoy himself more in a park with a shorter right field wall.

When you get past those boys (excluding the pitching staff for the moment) you've got fading veterans who once had it, and boys from the Eastern League who haven't got it.

Tony Cucinello has begun that imperceptible slowing up at second base and so has Al Lopez exactly through, but their peak is a couple of years behind them and you can't build first division on that. Twenty-year-old Sebastian Sisti may be shoved into the second base spot and Cucc moved to third where he'll have Henry Majewski to spell him. Sisti is promising, but he can't be ready to go yet.

The outfield looms as weak when you get past West. Debs Garms came close to the 300 mark, but only batted in 37 runs. Old Johnny Cooney must have given his last gasp last summer when he hit those two successive home runs at the Polo Grounds. Best bet to pour out the trip would be Hubert B. who hit 321 for Memphis and Chatter Ross, who came up from Evansville to look good for a few games last fall.

Fitching presents Lou Fette and Bill Poedel as the aces, and they're not going to be any better than last year. A lot of hope goes out for Al Piechota, Yankee farm hand from Kansas City where he won 16 and lost 8. Dick Merrillville Erickson may develop into the best of the lot this year, and over his sore arm, ex-Pirate Jim Tobin would help.

But by and large this is not a first division ball club. We don't have to say again here exactly how easy it would be to make it one, do we? Our readers know and Casey knows and the fans know. Only the magnates are playing dumb. But if they go through one more season without hiring the waiting Negro stars they won't be playing. —L. R.

Wesley Ramey, veteran Western lightweight who's been way up there for the past few years, fights rugged Johnny Rhoads in the feature eight at the Coliseum tonight. Fast-moving Joey Lantoff puts his unbeaten streak on the line against clever Curley St. Angelo in the semi-final eight.

Ramey, twice victim over touted Lew Jenkins, ought to cop tonight although Rhoads is a dangerous if awkward slugger and his weight advantage won't help Wes a ny. Lantoff has gone ahead too fast for St. Angelo.

Al McCoy, rough and a tough Boston heavy, faces Buddy Scott, latest Hymie Caplin protegee, in the feature eight at the Broadway Arena tonight. McCoy, recent kayo winner over durable Nathan Mann, is tabbed a real comer while Scott gave Bob Pastor a tough scrap a short while ago.

Julie Kogan will stick to his contract with the Broadway Arena fight at the Brooklyn club before hooking up with Pat Folys in a return match at the Garden. Julie and Pat fought a sizzling

eight-round draw at the Broadway last week and it was so hot that the Garden wanted an immediate return. But Julie told 'em to wait.

Eddie Mead is beating again. The booming voice of Henry Armstrong's manager was heard all over the coast yesterday as Eddie hollered that teterino Garcia was backing out of his middle title with Hank at Los Angeles March 1.

Eddie started yelling when the fight was postponed from Thursday because Ceferino's leg was in bad shape. But it means nothing.

—by del

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